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Car insurance bait-and-switch

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REPORTER

Hundreds of CNMI motorists have been canceling their liability insurance policy once the vehicle registration process is completed, posing safety and liability risks, Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday, citing one private insurance firm that reported some 300 cancellations.

Deleon Guerrero said that canceling the liability insurance policy once the vehicle registration process is done "often results in difficulty encountered by law-abiding motor vehicle operators seeking claims."

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"Many law abiding motor vehicle operators find it hard to seek claims from near-accidents or accidents that involve motor vehicle operators who lack the mandatory liability insurance required by law," he said.

To protect the public, Deleon Guerrero said the Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance law must be amended to, among other things, impose higher fines to deter violators and at the same time encourage vehicle owners to register their vehicle on time.

He is proposing to increase by 30 per-

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Optimism on CNMI provision in House immigration bill

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The U.S. House of Representatives' Gang of Seven is crafting their estimated 500-page immigration reform bill that still includes a pathway to citizenship for some 11 million undocumented aliens in America albeit longer by at least two years compared to the

U.S. Senate version but two groups of foreign workers in the CNMI are optimistic that the waiting period for long-term, legal aliens in the CNMI will not be longer than it is now.

Bonifacio Sagana, president of Dekada Movement, said yesterday he has faith that the U.S. House will not touch the additional five-year period before a long-term legal

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MONETH G. DEPOSA

National Teacher of the Year Rebecca Mieliwocki, second from right, joins members of the Board of Education, guest speakers, and Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., during yesterday's ceremonies at the 28th Pacific Educational Conference at the Marianas High School. Mieliwocki was the inspirational speaker in last night's dinner banquet for the Pacific region's teacher of the year awardees.

'Pacific miles cannot separate tribe of great teachers'

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Rebecca Mieliwocki, the 2012 national Teacher of the Year, is both thrilled and amazed at her many discoveries about the Western Pacific but one great beauty that she says captivated her heart is the extensive tribe of good teachers who continue to perform at their best for the

region's next generations.

Mieliwocki, one of the special guests in this year's 28th Pacific Educational Conference being hosted by the CNMI Public School System, was especially invited to inspire her peers in the Pacific, yet she herself finds the experience memorable and meaningful as she gets to interact and learn from fellow educators in these far-flung areas.

Besides experiencing the serene beauty of the beaches and the island's friendly and spirited people, she says the conference presents an opportunity to recognize each other's strengths and how to work on their weaknesses.

Having visited other school systems around the globe, Mieliwocki says she is proud of what she has seen of the re-

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Inos gets 50 of 100 extra FTEs he asked for Executive Branch**>>25 is 'fallback' plan if Parks & Rec privatization fails**

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos will have the flexibility to hire up to 50 additional employees for the entire Executive Branch—half of the 100 he originally asked the Legislature for fiscal year 2014—based on House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan's (Ind-Saipan) \$123.4 million budget bill that will be formally introduced this morning.

"I believe that figure is a compromise," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. "It gives the governor the flexibility to hire for essential positions as needed, and it would be up to the Executive Branch to fund them."

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), another Ways and Means Committee member, echoed the "flexibility" afforded the governor. He said the committee did not eliminate the vacant positions, as proposed by Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), so this still provides cushion for the administration.

Under the budget bill, the full-time equivalent, or FTE, ceiling for the entire Executive Branch includes an additional 50 so-called NOPs or "number of positions."

The budget measure, House Bill 18-98, does not provide appropriations for these posts.

Sablan pointed out that 25 of the 50 additional FTEs are strictly for the Department of Lands and Natural Resources "only as a fallback plan" and only to replace the positions that will be eliminated in the event that plans to privatize the Division of Parks and Recreation do not take place by Oct. 1.

"But if the privatization moves forward, then the 25 extra positions for DLNR are automatically removed," he said.

However, the other 25 additional positions allocated to a so-called "vacant holding account" in the Executive Branch may be filled "at the governor's

discretion" so long as they are "essential to the delivery of public services."

"The 25 for the DLNR is entirely separate from the 25 for the vacant holding account. According to the Office of Management and Budget, there are already some positions needed that are not in the proposed budget worksheet. But because of this flexibility, the governor will be able to hire these individuals," Sablan added.

The Inos administration, meanwhile, said it is fine with this 25 FTEs.

"It does not make any difference to the allocation of funds as there is no funding allocated for the NOPs," said press secretary Angel Demapan.

The Ways and Means Committee also gave additional requirements to the Executive Branch.

Under the budget bill, the governor is required to submit to the Legislature a quarterly report on the utilization of these 25 NOPs. The report includes job title and job code; the name of the department to which the NOP is assigned; base salary, grade/step if applicable; and date of hire.

Demapan said this is "workable."

"But the administration is concerned that the Legislature is taking up provisions that meddle into the functions of the Executive Branch, not the legislative," he said.

Sablan said the budget bill is not expected to be acted on in today's House session, because of the 24-hour advance notice required by the Open Government Act.

"If it's formally introduced Friday, hopefully we could have another session on Monday or Tuesday to pass it," Sablan added.

\$20M for Retirement Fund

The committee's budget bill give \$20 million to the NMI Retirement

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Flores looks forward to working with DPW

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After he and Martin Sablan buried the hatchet during an impromptu meeting last week, Saipan Mayor Flores now looks forward to working with the Department of Public Works secretary on a myriad of future projects.

"I made the first move. I called him up and said 'Hey, secretary who said we're fighting?' No more bad feelings. We will work together now and there are so many things we can cooperate on," he said during an interviewing following Wednesday's



Flores

day's 2013 Korean Cultural Festival at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

Flores added that Sablan assured him that Public Works' contractor, Radi-comm, won't touch the triangular median in front of Microl Toyota in Oleai where colorful flowers have now bloomed.

"We're working together. They will save the triangular median and I asked them to spare the island by not covering it with cement. We can work together and we can now plant flowers on the squares they reserved."

And in contrast to the vitriol that was exchanged between the two offices a couple of weeks back when Public Works began capping vegetated medians in Chalan Piao, Chalan Kiya, and Susupe, Flores this time commended Sablan for reserving spaces for flowers and trees on the previously contested medians.

"For beautification, Public Works is even helping the municipality pay for the flowers that we put in. We took out the flowers and will plant them somewhere else, particularly in the squares they reserved," said the mayor.

Aside from their new tag-team effort on the medians, Flores is also happy to announce that Public Works has agreed to also

lend them the use of its newly acquired bucket truck.

"They will be going to allow us to use the bucket truck as we

need it. That's good and I'm very happy to have this kind of working relationship with the secretary. After all we're all government agencies and we should provide services to the community."

The Saipan municipality has been waiting for the Legislature to appropriate it some \$40,000 to purchase a new bucket truck, which it uses to trim branches of tall trees, remove dangling coconuts, among others.

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ment Fund, as the governor had originally proposed.

Sablan said the governor had already indicated that there will be supplemental budget of \$14 million in fiscal year 2014, to meet provisions of the Fund settlement agreement and fund the Group Health and Life Insurance.

House revenue-generating bills awaiting Senate action—including the Saipan casino gambling measure and the electronic gaming bill—also propose to pump more money into the Fund.

La Fiesta Mall

The budget bill appropriates \$200,000 to the annual La Fiesta Mall land lease payment. It is not subject to the 1 percent public auditor's fee.

"Hopefully, if the government successfully finds an investor to redevelop the former La Fiesta Mall, then that investor will be the one to pay that lease and the money could be used for other government services," Sablan said.

The governor earlier said there have been interests from private sector entities to revitalize the former La Fiesta Mall.

The budget bill maintains a decentralized utility expense

into the respective departments.

In the committee budget bill, the Judiciary will get \$4.392 million, up from the governor's proposal.

The Legislature's budget is at \$5.282 million, the same level proposed by the governor.

There were items under the Executive Branch budget that changed, but not drastic cuts or additions.

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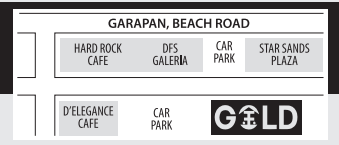
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June arrivals up 14 pct.

June 2013 visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands were up 14 percent compared to June 2012. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 33,539 visitors in June compared to 29,402 in June 2012.

Arrivals from Japan in June were down 4 percent to 8,713 visitors as the Japan market continues to struggle through a soft shoulder season. The key travel agencies in Japan attribute the soft market from Japan to the NMI to the rapid devaluation of the Japanese yen, and especially the difficulty agents have had securing rooms for last-minute Japanese visitors to the CNMI as competition for rooms from the Korea and

China markets heats up.

Arrivals from Korea rose 10 percent in June to 11,435 visitors, the highest number from any source market in the month. Asiana Airlines is rotating out seven Busan to Saipan flights in June and July for regular aircraft inspection, reducing lift by 1,022 seats. However, Asiana will boost its Busan-Saipan flights from four times a week to daily service during the month of August targeting the summer peak season, using an Airbus 320 with 141 seats and bringing in an additional 1,833 seats to the Northern Marianas this summer ensuring continued growth out of the Korea market this summer.

Meanwhile, arrivals from China jumped 46 percent in

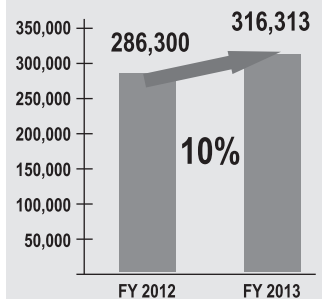
June to 9,959 visitors, in part due to an additional flight from Beijing compared to June 2012. Continued rapid growth is projected out of the China market for the remainder of this summer.

Arrivals from Russia nearly doubled in June, jumping 92 percent in arrivals to 1,226. The Northern Marianas now receives bi-weekly direct charter flights from Vladivostok since October and weekly charter flights from Khabarovsk since March.

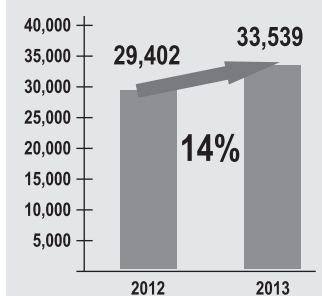
Economic highlights

The Japanese Cabinet office upgraded its economic assessment in June from "picking up slowly" to "picking up steadily." Private consumption con-

VISITOR ARRIVALS FY 2012 vs. FY 2013



June 2012 vs. June 2013



Source: Marianas Visitors Authority

tinues to climb, and prices are finally moving upward pointing to the end of deflation. The yen increased in value against other currencies as investors feared stock prices had climbed too much, combined with signs of an end to the U.S. Federal Reserve stimulus.

Korea's economic growth was reduced to a 0.8 percent on-quarter gain in the first quarter due to flat consumer spending and lackluster fa-

cility investment. The won/dollar exchange rate jumped 13.51 over the past month to be closed at 1,141.29.

China's Ministry of Finance said total fiscal revenue grew 6.2 percent year-on-year to \$204.84 billion in May. The Chinese currency Renminbi, or the yuan, lost 26 basis points to 6.1677 against the U.S. dollar on June 19, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trading System. (MVA)

TEACHERS

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gion's school system.

"Yes, there are unique challenges in every region, but there's always these great teachers who are flexible and able to accommodate this uniqueness. And what ultimately struck me—whether I am in Siberia, Shanghai, or other countries—the tribe of teachers is the same," Mieliwocki told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday after the opening ceremonies at Marianas High School.

Teachers—"wherever they go, they want the same things for the kids. We feel so passionate on the work we do and are constantly searching for new ways to improve in our craft."

The best way, she said, is to know how to learn from one another. Whenever she meets other teachers, Mieliwocki said she always walk away with six to 10 new ideas to better her craft.

"So even though this is a unique region and a beautiful one, the things we have in common are so greater than what separates us. It's a wonderful community to be part of—this tribe of great teachers!" she said.

Mieliwocki is a 7th grade English teacher at California's Luther Burbank Middle School. She has been teaching for 14 years now.

Since Monday, she's been visiting schools all over Saipan.

To be an effective teacher in these challenging times, she reminded her peers to trust their capabilities and seize the opportunity to learn from others.

"Trust your guts and instincts about what you know will work with your children and the community and gather strengths from people in other regions on

what they're doing," she said, believing that "innovation happens at the source."

Unity of purpose

Mieliwocki said the CNMI must continue with what it has envisioned for its schoolchildren.

"It's very clear to me that in the CNMI, they [PSS and Board of Education] have consistency of vision and unity of purpose. They understand the 21st century education and how to be a strong school system and that's important. They are all on the same page, with the same vision and good leadership," she said.

She praised the system for its creativity and resourcefulness in implementing a "backward-sight planning" and moving in the same direction. "I see one voice, one mind, and one purpose... and if you have that, you can do many great things!"

She specifically cited the initiatives on school technology, employment of highly qualified teachers, and effective curriculum instruction, among others.

Like other school districts across the nation, the CNMI is not alone in dealing with some challenges such as funding and culture. But with proper motivation, planning, and training for its people, no student learning will be compromised, she said.

Mieliwocki also stressed that "investment in education" is key to the success of any school system.

"I am compelled to be better because now I know you guys here are doing the same works. Even though we're thousands of miles apart, we have same unity of purpose," she added.

Mieliwocki believes that there will never be a shortage of teachers around the globe, only a shortage of how they can nurture and support these teachers.

Involuntary manslaughter charge vs Fitial dismissed

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho dismissed yesterday the involuntary manslaughter charge against Herman S. Fitial in connection with the death of 19-year-old Jefferson Kiaoul Keju.

Camacho granted defense counsel Colin Thompson's motion to acquit Fitial of involuntary manslaughter but denied the motion to acquit him of assault and battery.

The judge also denied the motion to acquit Fitial's co-defendant, Felix Kileleman Jr., of all charges. Kileleman is represented by assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg.

Fitial now faces only the

charge of assault and battery. Camacho will decide whether he is guilty or not in that offense.

Kileleman still faces charges of involuntary manslaughter and assault and battery. The six jurors will decide the involuntary manslaughter, while Camacho will decide the assault and battery.

The jurors began their deliberations yesterday afternoon. They will continue today, Friday.

In granting the motion to acquit Fitial of involuntary manslaughter, Camacho basically determined that there was no evidence connecting Fitial's punch to Keju's death.

Camacho said that Fitial's action should be proximate to the cause of Keju's death.

The judge also noted that witnesses at Mobil Gas Station saw

Fitial, Kileleman, and Keju on Middle Road only after the impact of a van.

Camacho said that witnesses saw Fitial already on the shoulder of the road.

The van reportedly struck or ran over both Kileleman and Keju on Middle Road in Garapan on the evening of Jan. 1, 2013. Another pickup truck later ran over Keju. The following day, Keju died of blunt trauma to the chest and abdomen.

At yesterday's closing arguments, assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty said they have presented evidence to prove beyond reasonable doubt that at the moment of impact of the first vehicle, Kileleman was kicking and punching Keju, who was lying on the road.

Flaherty said witnesses and video footages showed that Kileleman and Fitial followed Keju from New Chang Ming Market to the Mobil gas station, then to the Middle Road.

Flaherty said that Kileleman's own statement to detectives showed that Kileleman was on top of Keju and hit him over 10 times.

The prosecutor agreed that they presented no evidence that the death of Keju was intentional.

"The action in the road, chasing and hitting were unlawful acts and the death of Mr. Keju was unlawful," he said.

Flaherty said the Commonwealth believes that they have presented evidence that Kileleman did kill Keju.

Flaherty said the kicking and punching happened in the danger zone of the road.

"Kileleman did nothing. Oh no...he ran away!" the prosecutor said, referring to allegations that Kileleman fled the scene.

With respect to Fitial, the prosecutor said that Fitial admitted to detectives that he punched Keju in the face outside the New Chang Ming Store. Flaherty said it was Fitial who first chased Keju at Mobil.

In the defense's closing arguments, Petersburg said the government failed to present evidence beyond reasonable doubt that Kileleman killed Keju.

Petersburg said it was an accident—the van being driven by a Mr. Kim—that killed Keju.



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alien in the CNMI could apply for "green card," which is pathway to citizenship.

"The aliens in the CNMI covered in the bill are legal, documented. If anything, they should be given much shorter pathway to citizenship because they are legal and have been contributing to the economy for a long time," Sagana told *Saipan Tribune*.

Rene Reyes, founding president of the Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd., reiterated that if there's any change, he hopes it would be to shorten the waiting period.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) had said that he requested the inclusion in

the House version of the same CNMI-specific provision included in the U.S. Senate immigration reform bill that recently passed.

Under the Senate measure, S. 744, long-term foreigners could apply for a CNMI-only status within months of the bill's enactment.

Those covered include legal foreign workers who have been in the CNMI since at least 2003, and those with U.S. citizen children regardless of the age of the children.

After an additional five-year waiting period, these aliens can start applying for U.S. permanent residence status or "green card," a pathway to U.S. citizenship.

As reported by national media, a bipartisan group of U.S. House members who have been

working on a comprehensive immigration bill for years is just now waiting for the "right time" to release the nearly completed 500-page bill.

The Hill, for example, reported that the bipartisan House bill includes a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, quoting Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-Calif.). Becerra confirmed in a Spanish-language interview last week that the path is at least two years longer and more arduous than the one in the Senate-passed plan, which negotiators hope will make it more palatable to conservatives.

Details on the emerging House plan, including tougher conditions imposed, are expected to give some House Republicans a way to support comprehensive reform, at a time when many conservatives insist on

a "piecemeal" approach or oppose any action at all.

In the CNMI, any House action on any sweeping immigration reform bill comes at a critical time, as the transitional CW program ends on Dec. 31, 2014. If the transitional CW program is not extended, the CNMI easily loses access to most of its over 12,000 foreign workers who do not qualify for H visas.

The tourism-based CNMI economy is dependent on skilled, professional foreign workers, and any mass exodus of these same foreign workers would result in a collapse of the Commonwealth economy. The U.S. worker pool is far from being enough to fill the void that could be left by foreign workers if they are forced to exit the CNMI.

CAR

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cent the civil fine from \$100 to \$130 for the first violation of the motor vehicle liability insurance law.

Deleon Guerrero is also proposing to increase from the current \$150 to \$180 the civil fine for any subsequent violations.

Moreover, the freshman lawmaker wants to impose a new \$30 "late fee" if vehicle owners fail to renew their vehicle registration.

"The owner of the vehicle has three business days, after the

last day of the month designated by the bureau, to renew the vehicle registration; otherwise a late fee of \$30 will be charged on top of any fees designated by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles," he said.

Deleon Guerrero, chairman of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, hopes that his proposal, House Bill 18-103, will get the support of his colleagues.

There are 14,132 registered vehicles in the CNMI. Most or 13,403 of these vehicles are on Saipan, while 598 are on Tinian and 131 on Rota.

Pacific region's outstanding teachers get new iPads



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Teacher of the Year awardees in the Pacific region are presented with brand new iPads by the CNMI Public School System and State Board of Education in recognition of their invaluable contribution to student learning. Joining the awardees, at the back, are members of the Board of Education, guest speakers, and Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.

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REPORTER

Ten outstanding educators from across the Pacific and as far as the U.S. mainland went home yesterday equipped not only with new teaching strategies but also with a surprise gift from the CNMI Public School System and the State Board of Education—brand-new iPads.

The second day of the 28th

Pacific Education Conference at Marianas High School showed PSS Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., presenting iPads to 10 teacher of the year winners, courtesy of one of the event's sponsors, Saipan Computer Services.

Sablan said the gifts were in recognition of the invaluable contributions of these special educators, all of whom are

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Ayuyu, US govt sign 'global plea agreement'

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) has signed a "global plea agreement" with the U.S. government that will resolve his three criminal cases without having to go to trial.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross K. Naughton on Wednesday notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI that they have filed the plea agreement in court that same day.

In light of the plea agreement, Naughton requested the court to set a change of plea hearing on

Monday, July 22, at 2:30pm.

As of yesterday, the plea agreement was sealed.

Last July 2, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set the trial of all three cases for July 29, 2013.

The senator is facing three criminal charges: the fruit bat

case, obstruction of justice case, and the cell phone use.

Ayuyu, 48, has been in detention since Dec. 17, 2012.

His trials have been moved several times.

Man who slashed wife's arm gets a year in jail

A man accused of beating up his wife and slashing her left arm several times with a butcher's knife has pleaded guilty and was slapped with a one-year prison term.

Joaquin Sanchez, 48, pleaded guilty to assault and battery on Wednesday as part of a plea deal.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Sanchez to the full maximum of one year in prison, to

be served day for day, without the possibility of parole. He was given credit of four months and 28 days of time served.

The court dismissed the remaining charges.

According to court papers, on Feb. 18, 2013 on Saipan, Sanchez hit the victim with his hands and pushed her from behind, causing her to fall and hit the wall.

A police detective's report states that Sanchez hit the wife

with his hands, then slashed her left arm several times with a butcher's knife.

Sanchez allegedly pushed the wife from behind, causing her to hit her head against the wall. She suffered a lump in the head. He pushed the victim again, causing her to fall hard.

The wife told police that she would always hide their knife whenever Sanchez is drunk because he would get violent. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

PACIFIC

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teachers of the year in their respective jurisdictions.

The 10 who were presented gifts on stage were Emmy-Rose Gilmete of Ponphei, Juliet Ngotel of Palau, Karen Kutsunai of Hawaii, Connie Joel of the Marshall Islands, Owen Tharngan of Yap, Jesse Cornelius of Kosrae, Iose Mausau Afu of American Samoa, Florencia Afituk of Chuuk, and Mary Anne Angeles of Guam.

Special guest Rebecca Mieliwocki, the U.S. National Teacher of the Year for 2012, and the CNMI's most outstanding teacher, Peter Loken, were also presented with iPads. Loken was unable to personally receive his gift as he is currently attending a space camp.

A dinner banquet was held at the Saipan World Resort last night to honor these teachers of the year in the Pacific region. Mieliwocki served as the event's inspirational speaker.

The four-day educational conference, which ends today, attracted over 400 delegates from various Pacific islands.

Digital natives

Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that, with the many great things each region's TOY does, it is only fitting that they be honored and recognized for their contributions to student learning.

Responding to the positive feedback from experts and guests, Sablan said that PSS is humbled by all these accolades and praises for the school system, describing them as words of encouragement and an inspiration for the

PSS to even do more so that it can continue to elevate the trajectory of where it wants its students to be.

PSS was earlier lauded for a number of initiatives such as implementation of the common core standards, having its own standard-based assessment test, its aggressive drive for energy projects in schools, its overwhelming student achievement data on SAT-10, and its consistent vision for 21st century education.

"We want to spread our wings to our Pacific neighbors because this is about the children of the Pacific. We can come together and, I believe we have already set that impression since day one [of this conference]...what can we do to bring us closer together so collaboration would really happen," Sablan said.

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DYS summer camp ends today

The Summer Youth Empowerment Camp organized by the Division of Youth Services will wrap up today at the Garapan Community Development Center.

DYS will be giving out certificates to participants of the almost monthlong activity. It will also include some activities such as dancing and singing to showcase what the participants

learned.

The summer camp is a yearly event that caters to boys and girls ages 6 to 13. Its first part was the Sports Camp at the Oleai Sports Complex's Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium from June 24 to July 5. Activities in the Sports Camp included basketball, baseball/T-ball, soccer, volleyball, kids athletics, and ropes.

Facilitators of the Sports Camp were the Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, Ada Gym staff for baseball, Saipan Soccer School, Joe Mettao for volleyball, Cultura and Elias Rangamar for athletics, and NMPASI and Joe Saures for ropes. A total of 218 kids participated in the Sports Camp.

Second part of the camp is the

current Arts & Crafts Camp that started July 15 and concludes today, July 19.

Arts & Crafts Camp activities include beads-, mwar-, and flower-making, coconut leaves weaving, dancing, and ukulele, among others. The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Arts Council provided facilitators for the second part of the camp. **(Mark Rabago)**

Water outage in Papago, San Vicente today

Residents of Papago and San Vicente will experience a 12-hour water outage today, July 19, 2013, from 8am to 8pm, according to a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. statement yesterday.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's operators to repair a leak on the Papago

Super Blue water tank. The work will involve draining the tank by rerouting water into the San Vicente and Dandan tanks. Once the leak is repaired, it will then take a few hours to fill the Papago tank, which gets its water source from Capital Hill and a few of the Kagman wells.

The water outage will affect residents living in Papago along Isa Drive and the residents living on the higher elevations of San Vicente village. CUC's operations will be working hard to return service to our customers in these affected areas

as soon as possible.

CUC apologizes in advance for any inconvenience arising from this service interruption. Call Water and Wastewater operations manager Paul Rackowski at (670) 322-5030/1 for more information. **(CUC)**

CHCC's interim CEO on 'Marianas Agupa'

Tomorrow, July 20, 2013, *Marianas Agupa* will feature Esther Muña, interim CEO of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., to talk about the successes and challenges facing the corporation. She will go on the air between 10am and 10:30am on Magic 100.3 FM. The show itself

is from 9am to 11am. Listeners on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and those listening via streaming are encouraged to call in and ask questions during the show (direct to studio at 234-5929 or use instant messaging via Marianas Agupa's Facebook account.

The Chamorro radio talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona and features reports by former mayor Joseph S. Inos (world report and program review), Rota commentator Thomas D. Mendiola; Tinian commentator David M. Cing; John Del Rosario Jr. (land and culture); and Antonio R. Cabrera (street report). Simultaneous Internet streaming will be available via www.magic100radio.com. The show is rebroadcast via www.betelnutradio.com on Saturday at 6am PST and at 9am EST. **(PR)**

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All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Proposal for CPA Insurance Brokerage Services (CPA-RFP-008-13)." One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, July 19, 2013, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

There will be no pre-proposal meeting.

Proposals submitted after the aforementioned deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 19, 2005

Poker initiative fails

Due to lack of valid signatures, the Attorney General's Office refused yesterday to certify a local popular initiative petition to regulate the poker industry. Attorney General Pamela Brown said the AGO could not certify the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's petition because it did not have the 2,031 valid signatures needed to represent 20 percent of Saipan's 10,154 registered voters, as required by election law. The Chamber submitted the initiative petition on July 7, 2005, along with signature entries of 2,106 individuals. However, the AGO found that the petition had at most 1,889 valid signatures only.

Drowning victims were Japanese

The Department of Public Safety said yesterday that the two women who drowned at the Grotto on Saturday were Japanese scuba divers. DPS spokesman Eric David did not disclose the identities of the two victims pending notification of their next of kin, but added that one of them was a 25-year-old dive instructor. He said the other scuba diver was also 25 years old. David said the police had received a call Saturday afternoon reporting the drowning incident and asking for assistance.

July 19, 2006

Fund decides to sue govt

After more than a month, the NMI Retirement Fund has finally decided which way to go: to file a lawsuit against the government for passing a law suspending its employer contribution. "The board has no choice but to file a lawsuit to protect Retirement Fund members. ...The board humbly requests the continued support of all the members of the Retirement Fund in the upcoming weeks as the lawsuit is filed in court," said the Fund board of trustees in an advertised announcement, which is set to be published today. The board was earlier undecided whether to file a lawsuit or a temporary restraining order against the government following the passage Public of Law 15-15, which suspends the central government's monthly contribution to the Fund up to the end of fiscal year 2007.

Shell prices up 6 cents a gallon

Shell Marianas is scheduled to raise its retail prices by 6 cents a gallon effective today in the wake of oil prices jumping yet again in the world market due to increasing tension in the Middle East. This would be Shell's eighth round of price increases this year. "Shell will increase its retail price of premium unleaded, regular unleaded gasoline and automotive diesel oil at midnight on Tuesday. Oil products continue to be traded in the region at record highs driven by increased demand and tensions in the Middle East," said Shell Guam president Ruben Domingo yesterday.

July 19, 2007

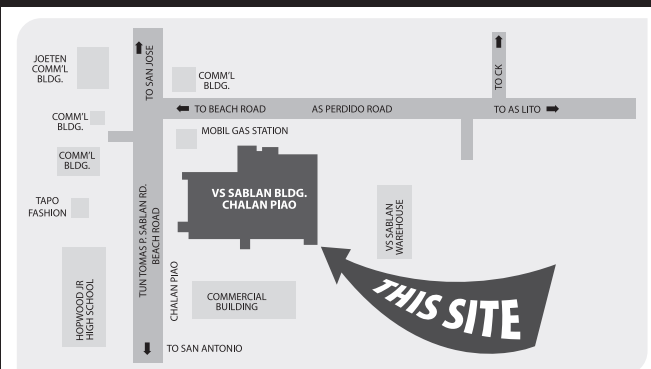
Hundreds join prayer vigil

Hundreds of alien workers of different nationalities as well as some citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia lighted candles and offered prayers yesterday during a vigil for federalization. The workers started gathering at 5:30pm in front of Kristo Rai Church in Garapan where they signed a letter that the organizers intend to forward to the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. At 7pm, the workers-Filipinos, Bangladeshis, Nepalese, Chinese, Koreans, Sri Lankans, along with some FSM citizens-began lighting candles distributed by the Dekada Movement's officials and members.

Alien workers seek US citizenship

A group of long-term nonresident workers in the CNMI has submitted a petition to the U.S. Senate urging the latter to take up their cause by federalizing local immigration, help them achieve stability and grant them not only non-immigrant visas "but the U.S. citizenship we deserve." "We have lived and worked in this community for five, 10, 15, 20 or more years. We were invited here to work and have contributed much to the community. For years, nonresident workers have suffered with an insecure status and are on the islands only as indentured servants. Many of us have been victims of illegal recruitment and labor and human rights abuses. Many of us had labor cases that have never been resolved, back wages never recovered, and criminal acts never prosecuted. We urge you to pass legislation that would federalize immigration and help us to achieve the stability and United States citizenship we deserve," said the group, which is headed by the Human Dignity Act Movement.

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Saipan Pinoys to join global rally vs China on July 24

"Stop China's invasion of the Philippines!" is both the plea and the demand that Filipinos will be making simultaneously in front of China's embassies and consulates all over the world from Washington, D.C. to Makati on Wednesday July 24, at 12pm.

The call for the global mass action was initiated by the US Pinoys for Good Governance in response to last year's Chinese military occupation of the Philippines' Panatag Shoal (Scarborough Shoal) off Zambales and its imminent threat this year to invade Ayungin Reef, part of the Kalayaan municipality of Palawan, a threat which began

on May 8 when three Chinese warships appeared off Ayungin which is defended by a contingent of Philippine marines.

China has denounced the Philippines for its "illegal occupation" of what they call "Rena'i Reef" which is only 105 miles from Palawan and 600 miles from China. Ayungin is considered the "gateway" to the oil-rich Recto Bank, which is just 85 miles from Palawan.

On Saipan, the rally will be on July 24 at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe, across the Ada Gymnasium, from 11am to 1pm. There is no Chinese Consulate on Saipan.

The largest of the rallies is ex-

pected to take place in front of the Chinese Consulate in Makati on July 24 where more than 5,000 people are expected.

The New York July 24 rally will be held in front of the United Nations at Dag Hammersjold Plaza at First Avenue and 43rd Street. A coalition of Filipino community groups led by the National Federation of Filipino American Associations and the Filipino American Legal Defense Fund will join members of the Vietnamese American Community of New York in protesting China's imperialism in Southeast Asia.

At a New York planning meeting hosted by Loida Nicolas-Lewis on July 2, 50 Filipino leaders from the Northeast promised to mobilize their communities to attend the UN rally on July 24.

Rallies are also planned at the Chinese Embassy in Washington DC and at Chinese consulates in Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston and Saipan. Protest actions are also planned in front of Chinese government offices in Denver and Atlanta.

In Rome, Merilla Murillo reported that a meeting on July 11 attended by almost 50 Filipinos was held to plan the protest rally in front of the local Chinese Embassy on July 24.

Similar actions are planned in London, Sydney and Copenhagen. Even in China-dominated Cambodia, a group of Filipinos plan to protest in front of the Chinese Embassy in Phnom Penh on July 24.

For more information on the global protest on July 24, log on to usp4gg.org. (USP4GG)

USP4GG to host forum, protest rally

The US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas chapter led by chair Dr. Celia Lamkin is inviting the public to attend a community meeting and educational forum on West Philippine Sea on July 20, Saturday, from 4pm to 6pm at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe.

Lamkin is also inviting the community to join a peaceful global protest rally against China's invasion of West Philippine Sea on July 24,

Wednesday, also at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion, from 11 am to 1 pm.

"We are inviting all Filipinos, our Chinese brothers and sisters, Vietnamese, Malaysians, Japanese, Koreans, and other ethnicities to join us in this peaceful rally," Lamkin said.

For more information, call Lamkin at 288-1714 or email celia.lamkin@yahoo.com or Nancy Baldoz at 888-2968. (PR)

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EDITORIAL

Brazil can't expect soccer fans to feel safe

The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Tuesday, July 16:

Mass protests and the brutal decapitation and dismemberment of a soccer referee do not inspire confidence that Brazil can keep athletes and fans safe during the 2014 World Soccer Cup and 2016 Olympic Games.

Winning these international events is an acknowledgment of Brazil's political and economic progress. But the recent unrest has raised legitimate questions about the nation's ability to handle protests and violent sports fans as it plans to host thousands of visitors from the United States and other countries.

The protests were sparked by mass-transit fare increases last month, which added to the public's general frustration with corruption, high taxes, and poor government services.

President Dilma Rouseff responded by meeting with protesters and promising a referendum on proposed reforms, including public financing for elections, ending secret legislative votes, and making government more transparent. But members of her own political coalition have tried to postpone a vote.

The government has made some progress by imposing harsher penalties for corruption, and most cities have reduced transit fares. But it is moving less quickly on demands that it devote a high percentage of oil royalties to education and health care.

At the recent Confederations Cup tournament, a pre-qualifying event for the World Cup, police kept order at the Maracana Stadium outside Rio de Janeiro. But fans reported the smell of tear gas from nearby clashes. Some protesters were angered by the billions of dollars the nation is spending to prepare for the marquee sporting events while its economy sags and services lag.

Meanwhile, on June 30, a referee stabbed a soccer player to death during a dispute over a call at a game in the northern state of Maranhao. The crowd then swarmed the referee, cut off his head, arms and legs, and put the head on a spike in the field, according to investigating officers.

Brazilian officials have tried to downplay the bloody rampage and protests. But if they want their economy to receive the shot in the arm that hosting the World Cup and Olympics could provide, they must dispel the belief that Brazil is a very dangerous country that tourists should spend as little time in as possible.

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Bo Xilai Gu Kailai Qilai

We are in Chongqing, the city where Jialing Jiang joins the Chiang Jiang (Yantze). The city is China's worst crime-ridden and corrupt metropolis, with no small measure from the direct involvement of New York's mafia. Bo Xilai, erstwhile Minister of Commerce (2004-2007), controversial former Dalian mayor and Liaoning governor in Dong Bei, was sent to clean up the place. He did, or at least, he ran a high profile anti-corruption watch. That is, until 2012.

Bo Xilai and his wife, Gu Kailai, are children of high Chinese Party faithfuls, making them princelings in Chinese politics. They were a charming couple whose term in Chongqing made them accessible not only to the local media but also to a foreign media grown tired of what was perceived as a controlled press out of Beijing.

Gu Kailai had a successful law firm that she gave up so as not to give the impression of conflict of interest while her husband's political career moved to the ranks of the Party's politburo. She was the first Chinese lawyer to win a case in U.S. court. She became close to a British "facilitator" (allegedly a drug dealer as well) who undertook money laundering for her but priced himself too high and made a mistake of issuing a threat that involved her son. (Bo Xilai has another son in a previous marriage.) The Brit was poisoned; Gu Kailai pleaded guilty to the crime.

The public story is that Gu Kailai's troubles dragged Bo Xilai's political career down the drain. There is enough evidence to make

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this credible. An alternative, though not exclusive, story known in the West might have contributed to the situation as the former Chongqing CCP Secretary's handling of power was easily mistaken for a megalomaniac streak gone out of control. He allegedly recorded President Hu Jintao's calls while he was on a visit to the city. He also started becoming "more Mao than thou," arguing for a return to Maoist revolutionary fervor, with himself at the helm, counter to the consensus process promoted by the Politburo.

"Qilai" is the name of China's national anthem translated as "Arise!" or "stand up." The music and lyrics evolved from the March of the Volunteers written in defense against the Japanese during the Sino-Nippon war of 1931-37. Our use of it on our title is as a verb focused on the ex-mayor and his wife.

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Dollars to doughnuts

Saipan long ago acquired a taste for that legendary staple of the American diet, the doughnut. Newcomers are often surprised to see that Saipan sports two Winchell's Donut locations: one in Garapan, one in Susupe. Last time I thought to ask, both were open 24 hours. You can get a doughnut as easily on Saipan as you can in Los Angeles or New York.

So: doughnuts. What's up with that?

As it turns out, plenty. According to the research company IBIS-World, the U.S. "doughnut stores industry" had revenues of about \$12 billion. Yikes! Who would have thunk?

Indeed, the humble doughnut isn't so humble after all.

Perhaps it's because even when money is tight, a doughnut is an affordable luxury. The staff at Winchell's Susupe location informs me that their cheapest doughnut is \$1.10. So a doughnut and coffee are pretty much pocket change. But worth just as much as the food itself is the chance to take a respite from the day's activity and relax for awhile.

From what I can ascertain at a glance, the U.S. doughnut industry, and now its international offshoots, grew from at least three regional players.

As for our familiar Winchell's, it was rooted in the West Coast, founded in southern California in 1948 by one Verne H. Winchell. According to their website, Winchell's Donut House now has over 170 locations, including Saipan and Guam.

Looking to the eastern U.S., the reigning powerhouse of the industry, Dunkin' Donuts, was created in Massachusetts in 1950. The company now has over 10,000 stores, over 3,100 of which are international. The company spans 32 nations and claims sales of over \$6 billion for 2011.

So the not-so-humble doughnut has a lot of stamps in its passport.

Dunkin' Donuts lists its international locations as Aruba, Bahamas, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Japan (Okinawa), Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Puerto Rico (a U.S. commonwealth), Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, and the UAE.

I never gave Dunkin' Donuts a second thought until I tried their coffee and it was a great brew. Apparently I'm not the only one who thinks so, and they sell their coffee in bulk bags.

Meanwhile, the southern U.S., which has always had a sweet tooth, accounts for another big name in the industry, Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corp. It started in North Carolina in 1937. Krispy Kreme became a household word in 2000 and 2001, when it became a darling of the go-go stock industry. Its IPO and subsequent financial action generated a lot of financial buzz. There's still a bit of chatter about this in the wake of the glory days, but I don't follow it.

The U.S. isn't the only doughnut player in the world, though, and, in fact, foreign firms have made inroads onto U.S. soil. A Canadian fast food chain, Tim Hortons, which has doughnuts and coffee in its offerings, has over 600 locations in the U.S. according to its website.

But doughnut stores aren't the sole domain of big chains. In southern California, where car culture seems to mesh well with the grab-a-fast-bite doughnut culture, there are apparently thousands of independent, mom-and-pop doughnut restaurants. I used to know four such owners; one was from South Korea, the other three were from Cambodia. All of them worked hard as family businesses to keep profitable.

Well, so much for a glance at the industry. Now that we've covered the business side of things, we'll contemplate a subject I don't

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care about at all: spelling.

You've surely noticed that we're up against two spellings here, doughnut and donut.

Which is right? Well, you could justify either flavor.

My references list "doughnut" as the correct spelling, so that's how I spell it when I'm on my best behavior.

On the other hand, of the four companies I noted above, three of them use "donut." We've got Dunkin' Donuts, we've got Winchell's Donut House, and, though it's not part of the company name, we've also got the fact that the Tim Hortons website uses "donuts" in its product description. It's pretty hard to argue with an industry about how to spell its own product.

I think that "donut" will eventually emerge as the accepted spelling, simply because I suspect it's the more common one in normal life. Meanwhile, increased international exposure to the product will probably help streamline the term into its easier form.

Anyway, the next time you take a coffee break at Winchell's, you can reflect that you're doing your part for an international, multi-billion dollar industry.

Or you can do what I do: Don't reflect on anything at all, and enjoy the break!

Centerpiece: Fidelity to laws

Uncertainty has ruined our hopeful vision of the future as a grayish mist of fear rise with each break of dawn. Occasionally, I find myself gasping for air in the filthy swamp of dystopia, hoping to ease my nerves as fear paralyzes my thought processes.

If fear triggers that sense of urgency to step-up to the plate, so to speak, then we've also hopelessly waited for it for over eight long years. While the new administration touts its accomplishments over its first 100 days, the fiscal disaster and stagnation, moral exhaustion, and bankruptcy morphing into hallmarks of our time remain equally dispiriting.

The issue on the planned reduction of 25 percent of retirees' pay is about "fidelity to the rule of law" being the centerpiece of a free society. It means that no one is beneath the protection of the law and no one is absolved of the obligation to comply with it. The government may not make a person or a class of persons exempt from constitutional protections as it schemes to injure retirees.

"That duty is not an abstract formulation. Rather, it means the governor cannot decline to enforce laws with which he disagrees or whose enforcement might cause him or his political allies to lose popularity. It also means he cannot make up his own version of the law as a substitute for what the Constitution commands..." Pertinent provision says diminishing retirement pay is impermissible, clear?

If the argument about "compelling" state interest surfaces, take a quick glimpse at the chronology of legislation in recent past so intentionally designed to bankrupt the Fund. The onus is on the administration to pay its obligation, acceding to the fidelity of the rule of law. Not one retiree I've met has agreed to the planned cut!

Interesting that they took the oath of office to uphold the letter and spirit of the Constitution and laws of our country and the CNMI. Yet, they seem adept at shredding constitutional mandates at will.

"What we have is a runaway government, dismissive of the Constitution it has sworn to uphold, contemptuous of the law it is required to enforce, and driven by its own values of maximum control

and minimum personal freedom. Is this the rule of law?" Doesn't a dismissive attitude on the rule of law present a danger and fatal consequences on our personal freedoms? Is the Inos administration at liberty to change retirees' pension at will? Is this it? Does fidelity to the rule of law mean anything to you folks?

In the messy plan, the Legislature did nothing but throw empty rhetoric lacking substance on the dire need to keep fidelity on the rule of law a matter of daily practice. Textbook stuff!

"Laws are made for men of ordinary understanding and should, therefore, be construed by the ordinary rules of common sense. Their meaning is not to be sought for in metaphysical subtleties which may make anything mean everything or nothing at pleasure."—*Thomas Jefferson, 1823*

Dealing with fear

The situation on Capital Hill is dire. Both branches should be awarded the halo of placing the multitude in the abyss of misery atop the sturdy foundation of abject poverty. If they have doubts, we need not go further than the fact that 52 percent of all workers here are struggling under poverty level income.

But let's take the issue a step further. I often quiz if the elected folks on the hill have any sense of fear what dystopia has done to families that pile up hardship all year long. The economy being listless for nearly a decade, what have they done to realistically improve our revenue streams? Is the imposition of more taxes the answer to exacting more wealth or would not this paradigm sink it further?

While the administration bravely listed its accomplishments in its first 100 days, it equally avoided addressing the horrendous cost of utilities, the single most devastating factor wrecking family pocketbooks all over the archipelago. This plan comes atop other costs spiking each time we turn our heads. The impending hardship leaves retirees with that sense of incompleteness, if not hopelessness, or both.

Adding salt to injury, it conveniently skirted the impending increase in utilities slated to go up in September. Perhaps it has some

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serious plans to reduce the cost of living on the islands sometime soon or is this just a figment of my imagination? You see it's not what people earn that matters as much as their ability to deal decently with the cost of living. For instance, earning \$15K in Texas is better than when you're in New York. The cost of living in Texas is far more affordable, for being agile fixing its tax system and other incentives to lure more investments to bolster economic growth.

A columnist who specializes on investments said, "Fear is a great motivator and it plays a role in all our lives to varying degrees. One could argue the opposite of fear is faith since it mitigates fear or makes it completely irrelevant.

"These days few would argue there is much faith in anything allowing fear to exist with even more power than usual. Fear has reduced elected leaders into a bunch of small-minded, small-goals oriented folks that only move the needle through fear of real and counterfactual probabilities.

"Instead of defeating obstacles in efforts that would make us conquer fear, we are always sold on the notion of avoiding pain. People are fighting major diseases and ailments with pills rather than change of diets, exercise, and other lifestyle habits.

"Alleviating pain has become so much more important than finding cures. The same is true with our education system, which routinely pumps out mediocre students that have been passed through on weak curriculum and inflated grades. Our economy gets propped up on bailouts, stimulus and unlimited schemes to

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CQ (my new code word for Chongqing) will get a separate reflection. But it was in CQ that China's partisan politics showed off its slip. It got confrontational, in the European manner of resolving conflicts as a model of democracy, fully exemplified in the United States, and Bo Xilai found himself at the losing end.

China's constant rhetoric of unity and harmony is deep in the cultural psyche. Its long history of the ebb and flow of dynastic rule has ideologically put its governance on the side of moderation. It is no accident that it calls itself the "Middle Kingdom," not so much to assert itself as the center of the universe but as a country and a people who prides itself on being cautious about falling into extremes. It gave up the dynastic royalty in 1912 but Mao's unifying moves show a native desire for willful top down leadership. Bo Xi-

lai wanted to ride that sentiment. History called him out.

One only has to watch the group dance that occurs at dusk in community nodes across the country. Everyone learns standard moves, and individuality is expressed not in the discordance but in the symmetry. The impetus is how to belong, to be in step rather than how to be different. There is no choreography to follow, although a dancer often seem to lead, but frequent attendance and duly paying attention instill standard steps. Traversing the road less traveled is improving the symphony rather than going out of tune.

We watched a granny at the Renmin (peoples') park in central Chengdu teach a granddaughter dance steps, and while the child made moves more appropriate for Beyonce, she got into the groove of what could be described as Chinese line dancing. Muscular guys who look like one would avoid them in dark alleys were oblivious to the casual divide in the West of the masculine and the effeminate traits; they danced their heart out with gusto and grace.

Bo Xilai is fondly remembered in Chongqing for two of his hand-

work, the construction of two cable bridges that impressively connects its central city at the junction of the aforementioned two rivers to neighboring urban centers within the municipality.

The official update on Bo Xilai is that he refuses to cooperate with the probe on alleged corruption in CQ during his watch, including his alleged interference in the investigation of Gu Kailai's fall into crime. He is reported to be on a hunger protest. The word on the street is that he has been incapacitated and remains in coma.

Whatever, Bo Xilai appears to have fallen into deviant steps in the China dance and has been found to be out of tune. Contenders along Bo Xilai's ascent were Xi Jinping and Le Keqiang who are now the current President and Premier.






Interesting that the accusation against Obama is his alleged inexperienced leadership, a hankering for the pro politico style of an FDR or a Nixon rather than the non-politico likes of a Reagan. Or, a populist "Yes, we can!"

Qilai! It is how we march that is at issue in China and elsewhere, in our time.

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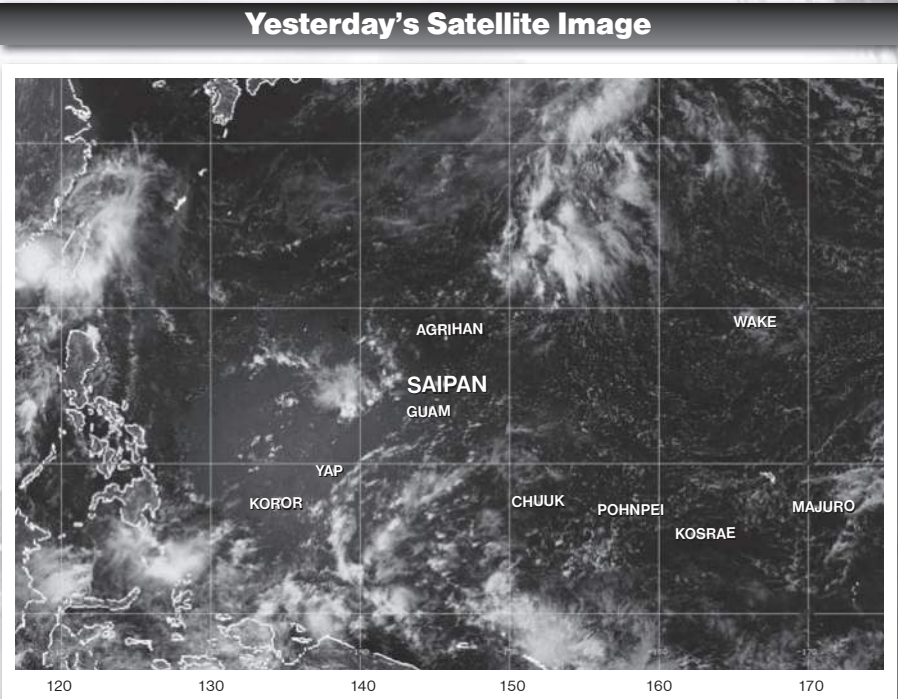
5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°

Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 88 ▼ 80
Palau	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 75
Yap	Showers	▲ 90 ▼ 76
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 75
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 75
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 80

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 60 ▼ 49
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 71
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 73
London	Sunny	▲ 81 ▼ 60
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 82 ▼ 66
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 54 ▼ 39
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 78
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 97 ▼ 79
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 90 ▼ 76
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 64
Pusan	Windy	▲ 83 ▼ 76
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 83 ▼ 68
Salem	Sunny	▲ 92 ▼ 56
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 55
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 76
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 73
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 97 ▼ 78

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
4:02 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
11:38 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
6:43 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
11:30 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level troughing is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from east of the far northern CNMI to Minami Tori Shima north of a line from 20N148E to 21N160E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are west of the Marianas between 13N and 18N from 132E to 143E. A weak circulation centered west of Koror near 6N131E is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Koror and Yap south of a line from 8N130E to 1N139E. A surface trough west of Chuuk is igniting scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from Yap state to Chuuk state south of a line from 10N139E to 12N151E. A surface trough extends northeastward from near 1N170E to 12N180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are northeast of Majuro within 115 miles of a line from 7N172E to 12N180.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:56 AM	6:51 PM	Today	3:13 PM	1:56 AM
Saturday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM	Saturday	4:15 PM	2:55 AM
Sunday	5:56 AM	6:50 PM	Sunday	5:16 PM	3:57 AM
Monday	5:57 AM	6:50 PM	Monday	6:15 PM	5:02 AM
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily	UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)				KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7	SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
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OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
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UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Botanicide?

The fearless leader of DPW is probably right about the safety aspects of pouring concrete over things to make them safer for all of us. I feel a lot safer now when I pull up to an intersection. Before, I had this crazy desire to jump out of my car and eat a pound or two of that grass and maybe a couple of bushes even though it would have made me pretty sick. Thanks DPW for saving me from that!

Now that I think of it, if some concrete is better than plants, more is better, right? I propose that we pour solid concrete all up and down the Beach Road Pathway from the road right to the lagoon. Just think how much safer we would be then. All smooth and nice. Those nasty trees need to go too. Why, I could accidentally run off the road and hit one of the terrifying killer trees. They all must go. The grass must go. The bushes must go. It's for the children. It's for our own good. We'll be safe from the ravages of plant life.

If more concrete is good for us then a whole lot more must be better yet. Think of how safe we would be if we paved Mount Tapochao. Tsunamis would bounce harmlessly off of us. A meteor heading our way? No problem. But why stop there? With 20 or 30 bulldozers we could strip this island right down to bedrock and then pave the whole thing. We would be totally safe. They could nuke us with H-bombs and we would just laugh at them.

Now, back to reality. To claim that "safety" is at the

heart of this concrete madness the DPW has unleashed on us is both ridiculous and insulting. The bottom line is

that plants are better...even unkempt and overgrown grass is better than concrete. Tourists fly thousands of miles to get come here and I can assure you they do not come to see concrete. They

come here to get away from cities full of concrete.

Tell us your brother-in-law gets a cut off every yard of concrete sold. Tell us your Dad owns stock in the construction company that is de-

stroying the median strips. Tell us that you are a prisoner of the Concrete Fairy. Tell us just about anything except that we are "safer" because you have covered plants with concrete. The word "balderdash" comes

to mind. Please stop. Go buy some plants and replace what you have destroyed. Today would be a good time to start.

Frank Mitchell
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AGENDA

I. Preliminary

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes

II. Public Comments

III. Reports

- Chairman
- Executive Director

IV. Unfinished Business

- Revision of Commission
Action No. 13-001-
05212013

V. New Business

- TDHC Casino Employee
Applications

VI. Executive Session

VII. Miscellaneous/

Administrative Matters

VIII. Adjournment

¹ Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No to S.1237

To Ms. Eileen Soback, acting secretary for Insular Areas, U.S. Department of the Interior: CNMI citizens are delighted with DOI's interest in CNMI matters, but extremely puzzled by your support and sworn testimony on S.1237.

CNMI Gov. Eloy Inos supports it too but he was originally appointed lieutenant governor by impeached former governor Ben Fitial—who himself is now hiding from the law, or under protection, abroad—to replace our previous lieutenant governor who is now

in federal prison. The aforementioned opposed the CNRA (that's Consolidated Natural Resources Act) as well, and judging by their lifestyles, our politicians are incredibly well compensated public servants. That federalization law was the bill Jack Abramoff's lobby in the U.S. House of Representatives so effectively blocked for a decade and S.1237 would reverse citizen's benefits and protections ensured by that law.

This bill delays minimum wage increases, extends the transition period, and allows non-visa holding foreign operators to do business in the CNMI indefinitely.

CNMI citizens overwhelmingly support an escalation in wages and a comment period among citizens will confirm that fact before this bill is rushed into law.

Two-tiered labor and immigration systems for insular areas are at least an ongoing human rights concern, if not an international embarrassment, and citizens must demand one cohesive immigration policy for all so that the ideals of our nation are applied equally on US soil.

Your lack of comments on the primary CNMI issue in this bill

Court ruling on JG Sablan permit

The court (NMI Supreme and Superior Courts) has ruled, the latter reiterating that the JG Sablan permit to mine pozzolan on Pagan is terminated and no longer valid. In my view, the court-issued clarification concurrently invalidates reinstatement.

Appalling the Senate's lack of comprehension of the doctrine of separation of powers. Perhaps it pushes the view that it could shred court decisions even on heinous murder convictions via woefully hollow resolutions. How about a resolution abolishing the Judiciary? It would make your job easier in establishing and fostering a statist government.

If you take this a step further, then the men of wisdom in the upper chamber would have stumbled upon pertinent constitutional provision saying that "use, management and disposition of public land" is solely DPL's.

The Senate resolution authored by Senate President Ralph Torres urging reinstatement of the permit is highly questionable in two areas: 1). The court reiterated that the permit was terminated and is therefore invalid. That nullifies the call for reinstatement. 2). An attempt to violate the finality of the court adjudicated decision is

was most troubling. The CNRA ensured citizens that non-visa "investors" have until December 2014 to apply for the appropriate visa or restructure their business and move, with no extensions possible even if the worker transition is extended. Allowing the E2-C's a free pass indefinitely would be a heart-breaking loss for young local citizens and goes against the intent of the CNRA as stated, "assisting the Commonwealth in achieving a progressively higher standard of living for citizens of the Commonwealth through the provision of technical and other assistance."

Attaching U.S. immigration issues quietly to the bottom of an omnibus package is inappropriate and cause for alarm.

Adhering to U.S. visa laws will improve our Commonwealth and provide economic opportunity for local citizens.

Citizens here cordially welcome legal investors from many nations, but deserve and must demand the same protections as mainland Americans.

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tantamount to the usurpation of what are strictly functions of the executive and judicial branches of government.

Interesting, though, the dark clouds of local politics hovering over reinstatement of an invalid permit that's voided by the court. As much as I support local entrepreneurship so they too make meaningful contributions to the listless economy, it is equally important to weigh their credibility to navigate a venture that requires huge capital infusion.

Please take into account the fact that JGSablan has had a permit for 13 years. Is the remittance failure of fees an indication of the firm protecting the indigenous landowners and their interest? Doesn't the local firm owe DPL more than \$9 million in unpaid fees (interest excluded)?

I trust DPL would dispose of this issue by doing what's legally right, adhering to fidelity of the rule of law. After all, it was no fun waltzing on an uneven dance floor of corruption (in recent past) with the now "hiding governor?" Remember? A' Saina!

John S. DelRosario Jr.

As Gonno, Saipan

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From the impeached, disgraced and now "hiding" former governor, the current administration and legislative cohorts have joined hands since years ago to ensure the bankruptcy of the Fund. They've succeeded but the targeted bankruptcy scheme didn't absolve any of them from their obligations. True?



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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW13-IFB-004



Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids proposal for the **Construction of Sidewalk at Oleai Street, Saipan**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after July 5, 2013 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on July 16, 2013 at 09:00 a.m. local time at the Project Site, Oleai Street, Oleai Elementary School Entrance, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on July 19, 2013 to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director, Technical Services Division**, Oleai Commercial Center, Suite 214 or fax to (670) 234-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW13-IFB-004"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time July 24, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time July 24, 2013, and be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 24, 2013, and must be received no later than July 31, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:30 a.m. local time, August 02, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on July 25, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certificate (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the **Northern Marianas Island Administrative Code Section 70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island, and

b) Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

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- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

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Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred and Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (**US \$100.00**) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director Procurement and Supply

PEC CONFERENCE UNDERWAY

Student voices will be heard!

Students from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam are conducting a conference to parallel and complement the Pacific Educational Conference that is hosting 500-plus educators from across the Pacific region. The students are participating in the Pacific Youth Summit conducted in partnership with PEC and CNMI Public School System. After two days identifying and researching educational issues the students will craft policy proposals that they will present to a general session of all PEC participants on the conference's final day today, July 19.

While the educators attending the PEC conference are spending Tuesday and Wednesday participating in workshops and other sessions related to the conference theme, "What Matters Most: Every Child Every Single Day" 60 young people of the Pacific Youth Summit are gathered at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan to undertake their own examination of "What Matters Most" from their perspective as students. Their aim is to formulate proposals to address crucial issues that they believe should be priority objectives for school policy makers.

To craft their proposals, the students organized themselves into six issue committees with specific areas of jurisdiction to

research. The six committees are: Committee on Curriculum Quality and Standards, Committee on Teacher Quality and Assessment, Committee on School Facilities and Infrastructure, Committee on School Climate, Committee on School Services and Youth Development, and Committee on Higher Education.

The policy proposals that win consensus approval from the entire group will be presented to a general assembly of PEC.

CLOSE UP
WASHINGTON DC

As of Tuesday students had identified a number of issues they wish to bring to the attention of educators at PEC, among them: the need for more AP, IB and other college preparatory courses, the persistent problem of bullying and intimidation, the inadequacy of many textbooks and other learning materials, and a perceived need for more effective assessment of teachers and teaching practices.

To support their arguments, students will rely on two days of intensive literature research as well as their own daily experiences. Committees will draft policy proposals that will be submitted to the entire summit body in a final general session.

The various proposals will be discussed and considered for inclusion in the final Pacific Youth Proposal for Policy Action. All proposals that have been accepted will be presented as consensus policy agenda to the educators gathered at the final PEC assembly today at the MHS gymnasium.

The Close Up-PEC Youth Summit is a component of the Close Up Insular Areas Program. Close Up Foundation, under a grant from the U.S.

Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs Technical Assistance Fund, provides civic education programming in Insular Areas. The Close Up Insular Areas Program, which includes student and teacher participation on Close Up Washington D.C. programs, is designed to demonstrate how the U.S. model of democracy functions and foster the interest, knowledge, and skills needed to effectively participate in a democracy; address the academic needs of the insular areas and to provide training and materials to improve teachers' civic education skills; and to increase mutual understanding between the United States' diverse citizenry with a special emphasis on public policy concerns and youth involvement in the political process. (**Close Up Foundation**)




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Mount Carmel set to launch a new course

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Mount Carmel School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero disclosed yesterday that a new course designed to help students prepare for life after high school will be introduced next school year.

To be called the Knights Seminar, the new course offering is a yearlong program that will prepare students for both college and the workforce. While similar seminars, typically called Senior Seminars, are usually limited to upperclassmen, Deleon Guerrero said the Knights Seminar will be open to all of its high school students.

The new course will focus on four curriculum strands: college admissions, study skills, soft skills, and financial literacy.

The college admissions strand will familiarize students with the college admissions process, including researching colleges, writing personal statements, completing and submitting applications, and identifying financial aid and scholarships. In particular, the strand will focus on helping seniors and juniors work toward getting into selective colleges that are the right fit for them.

To help students succeed in college as well as in high school, the study skills curriculum strand will teach students the behaviors that contribute to academic success, including note-taking, mind-mapping, time and task management, and self-control. The strand will also use current educational research in cognitive psychology to introduce students to proven strategies for effective learning.

The soft skills and financial literacy curriculum strands will provide students a hands-on study of the practical skills needed to seek employment, succeed in the workforce, and manage one's personal finances.

Each curriculum strand of the Knights Seminar will be taught by a tandem of community experts and homeroom class advisers. An integral part of the seminar will be portfolios and résumés that school counselor Toby Smith will help students put together for their college and employment applications.

"These skills are too important to leave to chance, which is why we are taking this very deliberate and conscious approach to preparing our students for life after high school," Deleon Guerrero said. "At Mount Carmel, we have a great college-prep, liberal arts curriculum, but we need to do more to ensure that our students not only get into college, but succeed in the real world."



COURTESY VISIT

Western Pacific Islands Association of Fire Chiefs board members Tom Manglona, Robert Green, Stanley Torres, John Wusstig, and John Thompson meet with Gov. Eloy S. Inos yesterday to present their organization's mission and goals to the fire service of the Western Pacific Islands under the umbrella of the International Association of Fire Chief- Western Division. They will also be holding the 2nd Annual WPIAFC Conference on Saipan in November for Fire Service Leaders from throughout the Western Pacific Islands, Hawaii, and the U.S. mainland.

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All employers must begin using the updated FMLA notice and certification forms and posting the new FMLA poster in the workplace. In order to comply with these regulatory provisions, employers should review their FMLA policy, forms and internal processes to make sure they are not running afoul of the new law.

The July general membership meeting of the NMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management will include a presentation by Patrick Candoleta, U.S. Department of Labor Assistant District Director for Guam and the CNMI. This lunch meeting will be held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan’s Azucena I and II function rooms on July 24, 2013, Wednesday from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This presentation is open to the public. Specifically, attendees will learn about the Labor’s final rule on Family and Medical

NMC fall admission application deadline

New students who are interested in enrolling for the Northern Marianas College’s fall 2013 semester will need to submit their application for admission no later than Wednesday, July 31, 2013.

Applications for admission and other forms may be picked up at NMC’s Office of Admissions Records located in Building N at the NMC As Terlaje campus, or may be downloaded from www.nmcnet.edu on the fall 2013 registration page.

Note that supporting documents (i.e. transcripts from institutions previously attended, health evaluation form, and copy of a valid photo I.D.) must also be turned in within 60 calendar days of submitting the admission application. Application forms submitted after the deadline will be processed for the following semester.

New students and returning students (did not take courses at NMC in the previous semester, spring or summer) are required to attend a student orientation in order to register for courses. Students must confirm which session they will be attending by calling the Office of Admissions Records at 234-5498 Ext. 1528/1537.

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For additional information or inquiries, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 234-5498 Ext. 1528/1537 or visit www.nmcnet.edu. (*NMC*)

IMPORTANT DATES

- **July 31:** Deadline to submit NMC Admission Application for fall 2013
- **July 31:** Student orientation for new and returning students (9am-11:30am, Room D-1)
- **Aug. 7:** Student orientation for international students (9am-11:30am, Room D-1)
- **Aug. 8:** Registration and add/drop course(s) day for students under disability support services (8:30am-5pm)
- **Aug. 8:** Student orientation for new returning students (5pm-7:30pm, Room D-1)
- **Aug. 12-16:** Registration for new, returning and ongoing students (9am-4pm)

Registration open for APIPA conference

The CNMI Office of the Public Auditor in conjunction with the Association of Pacific Island Public Auditors, or APIPA, announced yesterday that registration is now open for the 24th Annual APIPA Conference, which will take place on Sept. 16-20 on Saipan, CNMI.

Registration and detailed information on conference instructors, courses, schedules, and travel information are all available on the official website at www.apipa2013.org.

Unlike previous APIPA conferences, payment is now required before registration is complete. Information on how to remit payment to APIPA 2013 will be included with the email registration. Seating is limited so register today! (*OPA*)



COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA-SA-002-13**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Contractors are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *“Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, CPA-SA-002-13; and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2013**, to the Office of the Acting Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.*

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

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All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the “Bidder’s Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause”, a “Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities”, and the “Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation”, as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

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A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

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All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

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The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ FRANCES C. MAFNAS
Acting Chair of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: July 11, 2013



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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: July 18, 2013

Nation

ACLU: Police record license plates by the millions

WASHINGTON (AP)—You can drive, but you can't hide.

A rapidly growing network of police cameras is capturing, storing and sharing data on license plates, making it possible to stitch together people's movements whether they are stuck in a commute, making tracks to the beach or up to no good.

For the first time, the number of license tag captures has reached the millions, according to a study published Wednesday by the American Civil Liberties Union based on information from hundreds of law enforcement agencies. Departments

keep the records for weeks or years, sometimes indefinitely, saying they can be crucial in tracking suspicious cars, aiding drug busts, finding abducted children and more.

Attached to police cars, bridges or buildings—and sometimes merely as an app on a police officer's smartphone—scanners capture images of passing or parked vehicles and pinpoint their locations, uploading that information into police databases.

Over time, it's unlikely many vehicles in a covered area escape notice. And with some of

the information going into regional databases encompassing multiple jurisdictions, it's becoming easier to build a record of where someone has been and when, over a large area.

While the Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that a judge's approval is needed to use GPS to track a car, networks of plate scanners allow police effectively to track a driver's location, sometimes several times every day, with few legal restrictions. The ACLU says the scanners are assembling a "single, high-resolution image of our lives."

"There's just a fundamental

question of whether we're going to live in a society where these dragnet surveillance systems become routine," said Catherine Crump, a staff attorney with the organization. The group is proposing that police departments immediately delete any records of cars not linked to any crime.

Although less thorough than GPS tracking, plate readers can produce some of the same information, the group says, revealing whether someone is frequenting a bar, joining a protest, getting medical or mental help, being unfaithful to a spouse and much more.



HEAT WAVE

Children play on a fountain at Pier A Park during a heat wave, Wednesday, July 17, 2013, in Hoboken, N.J. From South Dakota to Massachusetts temperatures surged to potentially dangerous levels Wednesday. Most states in the U.S. had at least one region where the temperature hit 90 degrees, according to the National Weather Service, though the worst heat was in the Midwest to Northeast. Humid air just made it all feel worse, with heat indexes in some places over 100.

\$33,000 spent on sequestered jurors

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—About \$33,000 was spent to sequester the six female jurors who acquitted George Zimmerman of any crime for fatally shooting Trayvon Martin, according to details released Wednesday by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office spent almost 10 times that amount—\$320,000—on total costs related to the trial, including overtime and equipment.

During their three weeks of sequestration, jurors took an excursion to St. Augustine, Fla.; watched the movies "The Lone Ranger" and "World War Z;" went on bowling excursions; and saw Fourth of July fireworks.

All television, Internet use, mail and phone calls were screened and logged by deputies who provided security for them at all times. Jurors were allowed to use their cell phones once a day to check for voicemails and make calls in front of a deputy, according to the sheriff's office.

Jurors ate most of their breakfast and dinner meals at the Marriott hotel where they stayed during sequestration. They dined out twice.

They received visits on weekends from family and friends, who had to sign an agreement promising not to discuss anything related to the case.

Despite spending 22 days together, four of the jurors have distanced themselves from

statements another juror made in a televised interview.

The four jurors issued a brief statement Tuesday on court letterhead saying the opinions expressed by Juror B37 to CNN's Anderson Cooper are not representative of their views.

"The opinions of Juror B37, expressed on the Anderson Cooper show were her own, and not in any way representative of the jurors listed below," said the statement, signed by Jurors B51, B76, E6 and E40. The six-sentence statement did not specify what parts of the other juror's comments they disagreed with.

Juror B37 said the actions of Zimmerman and 17-year-old Trayvon Martin both led to the teenager's fatal shooting last year, but that Zimmerman didn't actually break the law.

The four other jurors said in their statement that Martin's death weighed on them.

"Serving on this jury has been a highly emotional and physically draining experience for each of us," the statement said. "The death of a teenager weighed heavily on our hearts but in the end we did what the law required us to do."

They also made a request for privacy. The court has not released the names of the six-woman jury, which included five whites and one woman who appeared to reporters to be Hispanic. B37's face was obscured by shadow during her interview.

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World

Poll: Many say China to become world's top economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is still viewed as the world's leading economic power in many countries, according to polls in 39 nations by the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project. But as the Great Recession has buffeted the U.S. economy, China has gained rapidly in the eyes of the rest of the world, and many say it ultimately will replace America as the world's top global economic force.

In 22 of the 39 nations polled, the U.S. is seen as the top global economy, while China is viewed as having the upper hand in eight countries, including U.S. allies Canada, Britain, Germany and France. Surprisingly, Americans are about evenly divided over which country has



A Chinese man rides a delivery bike past a propaganda bill board with the words "China, Forward!" in Beijing, China, Monday, July 15, 2013.

the stronger economy, with 44 percent saying China and 39 percent the United States.

Since 2008, the popula-

tion share that calls China the world's top economy has just about doubled in Spain, Germany and Britain, nearly tripled

in Russia and gained 22 points in France. Of the 20 countries Pew surveyed in both 2008 and 2013, all but two are now significantly more likely to say China is the world's leading economic power.

In 18 of the countries polled, half or more believe China has replaced or will replace the U.S. as the world's top economic

force, while majorities in only three believe the U.S. will maintain its top economic position.

The surveys, conducted before news emerged about National Security Agency surveillance programs, also found that 37 of the 39 countries saw the U.S. as a good steward of individual liberty.

Before leaks of classified documents revealed widespread U.S. tracking of Internet communications among people in other countries, many said they were confident President Barack Obama would do the right thing in world affairs. That included 88 percent in Germany and 83 percent in France, two allies whose official reactions to the spying program have been negative.

Mandela makes 'dramatic' progress, says daughter

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Nelson Mandela has made "dramatic progress," and may be going home "anytime soon," said his daughter Zindzi on the eve of his 95th birthday.

"I visited him yesterday and he was watching television with headphones," said Zindzi Mandela in an interview with Britain's Sky TV. "He gave us a huge smile and raised his hand... He responds

with his eyes and his hands."

Mandela is gaining "energy and strength," said his daughter. "I should think he will be going home anytime soon."

The latest description by Zindzi—who is one of Mandela's daughters by his second wife, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela—is a significant improvement from court documents filed by the family earlier this month

which said he was on life support and near death.

Mandela has been in a Pretoria hospital since June 8 and officials say his condition is critical but stable.

The news of the improvement in Mandela's health will boost his supporters in South Africa and around the world who are preparing to celebrate his 95th birthday on Thursday.

Gay marriage: Britain, France in surprise contrast

LONDON (AP)—The French like to make fun of the British, joking about their repressed ways in matters of the heart. But when it came time to debate same-sex marriage, it was France that betrayed a deep conservative streak in sometimes violent protests—while the British showed themselves to be modern and tolerant.

With little fanfare or controversy, Britain announced Wednesday that Queen Elizabeth II—hardly a social radical—had signed into law a bill legalizing same-sex marriages in England and Wales. France has also legalized gay marriages, but only after a series of gigantic protests attracting families from the traditional heartland that revealed a deeply split society.

Official word that the queen had approved the bill drew

cheers in the usually sedate House of Commons.

"This is a historic moment that will resonate in many people's lives," Equalities Minister Maria Miller said in a statement. "I am proud that we have made it happen and I look forward to the first same sex wedding by next summer."

There were British political figures and religious leaders vehemently opposed to gay marriage but the opposition never reached a fever pitch, in part because the same-sex marriage bill had broad public support and the backing of the leaders of the three major political parties. In fact, it was Prime Minister David Cameron, leader of the tradition-minded Conservatives, who proposed the legislation in the first place.

The public seemed to take it

for granted that gay marriage should be a part of British life. It was perhaps a sign of how Britain has evolved in past decades into a much more cosmopolitan nation than its starched, traditionalist image would suggest.

"The opposition seemed restricted to a very small number of people very vigorous in their views," said Steven Fielding, a political scientist at the University of Nottingham. "It was restricted to the back benches of the Conservative Party. It wasn't shared across the political spectrum. It was an issue whose time had come. To oppose it seemed slightly strange."

The law was also written in a way that allowed the Church of England—which is opposed—to sidestep the controversy since it is explicitly barred from conducting same-sex marriages.

IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

Marcelino Deleon Guerrero Camacho

Fondly Known as "Uncle Max"
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To our family, friends, colleagues and acquaintances, we are deeply humbled, blessed and honored with the support and compassion that has sustained us during this time of grief in the loss of our loved one. Our hardship is turned to courage, strength and hope through the generous gifts of your time, prayer, words, and actions. *Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase.* While these words cannot adequately express our profound sense of gratitude for your loving hearts and acts, Thank You, Thank You Very Much for the priceless intentions sent our way.

In a special way, we express our gratitude to Bishop Emeritus Tomas A. Camacho and the Clergy of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa for their spiritual accompaniment before and during the death of our loved one; to the doctors and healthcare facilitators who assisted our loved one in the various stages of his illness; to our techa, Mrs. Barbara T. Sablan for leading us in prayer during the nightly rosaries; to the the Envia Tu Espiritu Choir for their beautiful music; and to Mr. Dil Maharjan for his selfless acts of commitment to our loved one's well-being before his passing.

We thank God for His gracious gifts of All of You, and, for the 75 years that He blessed the lives of so many of us through the journey of a man who many others came to know affectionately, as "Uncle Max."

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Cecilia (Chilang), Jeffrey and Sonia, Bertha and Patrick, Ray and Tayna, James and Rosemary, Debra, Richard and Regina, Pale Ryan, the Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Remembering...

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It has been almost a year since our dearly beloved Catherine Vivian left this world to be with our Lord. Though we endured much heartache missing her warm and pleasant personality, we were blessed with much kindness and support by our loving family members and friends.

These Christian gestures were most welcomed and sincerely appreciated by all of us.

In her memory, we invite our relatives and friends to join us for memorial mass and nightly rosary at Kristo Rai Church beginning July 19th through the 27th. Mass schedule is as follows:

Friday, July 19th, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 20th, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 21st, 6:00 a.m.

Monday, July 22nd, 6:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 23rd, 6:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 24th, 6:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 25th, 6:00 a.m.

Friday, July 26th, 6:00 a.m.

Nightly rosary will be said at 7:00 p.m.

On the final day, July 27th, rosary will be prayed at 5:15 p.m. followed by the anniversary mass.

Your presence, thoughts and most especially your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase and may God continue to bless us all.

Crispin I. Deleon Guerrero
Francine/Ray & children, Crispin Jr.,
Marlena/Ricky & children, Jack,
Gina/Bill & children

Off The Wall

Elderly grocery store owner refuses robber

MARSHFIELD, Wis. (AP)—A masked robber apparently thought the 96-year-old owner of a neighborhood grocery store in Marshfield would be an easy target for his crime. But, he was so wrong.

Margaretta Wolf has owned the store bearing her family name for 54 years. And she wasn't about to turn over her cash to the armed intruder after he ordered her to open the cash register.

"I said: 'I'm not opening up that cash register and that's it, I'm not opening it. I said you can have all the Tootsie Rolls

you want but I am not opening that cash register,'" said Wolf.

The man in the silver mask and carrying a knife continued to give Wolf orders during the robbery attempt Monday.

"He said, 'Walk in the back of the store,' I said, 'I'm not walking no place, I'm standing right here,'" Wolf recounted.

The elderly store owner stood her ground when the man flashed a pocketknife and placed it on the counter.

"I said, 'I'll press a button and I'll have somebody here in seconds,'" she said.

Wolf said the would-be robber should contact NOAA.

An untrained person runs the risk of getting tangled in the line and pulled under by a turtle, which can weigh up to 700 pounds and hold its breath a lot longer than a human, he said.

"You can get entangled, go under and it can turn into a tragedy," he said.

Only the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies is certified to handle turtles.

The brothers have expressed regret.

"When we spotted a sea turtle in trouble over the 4th of July weekend, our first impulse was to do what we could to help free the animal," Robert Kennedy Jr. said in a statement on NOAA's website. "But we realize that the action we took was pretty risky, these are large, powerful animals."

He urged people who spot a turtle in danger to call NOAA, then stand by until rescuers arrive to help them locate the animal.

There have been 22 reported turtle entanglements in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York waters this year, NOAA said, compared to eight during the same period last year.

ber appeared frustrated, looked around, spotted a security camera in the corner, grabbed the knife and fled.

Marshfield Police Lt. Darren Larsen said he's just glad Wolf is OK.

"In this instance, certainly again while not recommended with what took place, we're just very, very happy Marge was not injured," Larsen told WAOW-TV.

Wolf said she has a few words for the suspect when police catch up with him.

"What do I say to him? I say I think you got some punishments

coming, and it will be a little bit more than scrubbing the floor," she said.

AP
Matt Pilz buys candy from Marge Wolf, 96, at Wolf's Groceries in Marshfield, Wisc., Tuesday, July 16, 2013, the day after an attempted robbery at knifepoint happened at her store.



Feds: Sea turtle rescue a violation

BARNSTABLE, Mass. (AP)—Two members of the Kennedy family who thought they were doing a good deed by freeing an entangled sea turtle actually violated the law, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

John Bullard of NOAA's Division of Fisheries said he spoke to brothers Max and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. about their rescue of the leatherback turtle and explained to them that what they did was dangerous and a violation of the Endangered Species Act, which makes it illegal to handle an endangered or protected species.

The Kennedys freed the estimated 500-pound turtle from a buoy line wrapped around its head and fins on July 6 after they spotted it while out sailing on Nantucket Sound.

The brothers have been "co-operative and very helpful" as the agency gathers pictures, gear and other evidence involved in the rescue, Bullard told Cape Cod Times.

Turtle rescue is best left to professionals because of the danger involved, he said. Anyone who spots a distressed turtle

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†Probio Mendiola Cabrera

Lovingly known as "Probion Tamat"

January 12, 1930 – July 16, 2013

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Parents: †Jose Palacios Cabrera
†Maria Mendiola Cabrera

Parents-in-law: †Enrique Castro Delacruz
†Maria Haruno Tamaoki Delacruz

Brothers, Sisters, In-Laws:

†Roberto M. Tudela, †Francisco Torres, †Gabriel M. Cabrera, †Vicente M. Cabrera, †Francisca T. Borja, †Celia C. Reyes, †Ramona C. Sablan, & †Rosario C. Attao.

†Pedro Borja, †Antonio Reyes, †Manuel Sablan, †Jose SN. Attao, †Alfred Santos, †George Teregeyo, †Vicenta Tudela, †Rosa Torres, †Rosa Cabrera, †Maria Delacruz Cabrera, †Edward T. Delacruz, †Florida M. Delacruz, & †Elpidia DLC. Nauta

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Trinidad (Mitch) Delacruz Cabrera

Children:

Francisco M. and Ma. Amyfra P. Cabrera (George P. Cabrera, Fampieca P. Cabrera, Francisco P. Cabrera, Rowena O. & Vincent DLG. Torres [Jesse Leo, Ali, Tivana, Judith, Vincent III, Jupri]; Donicio T. & Abby T. Ogo [Deztinie, Donicio Jr., Dontr, Donte, Rowina & Dayni])

Lolita M. and Oscar M. Babauta (Tricia M. & Albert Palacios [Trianna, Franklin]; Jesse Babauta & Joanne Santos [Eleanor]; Oscar Babauta, Jr. & Sabina Alfred [Jathan Dion]; Janella Babauta & Darrell Moteisou [Presella, Destiny, Hayven Skye])

Henry Dewayne DLC. and Marlene S. Cabrera (Janice C. & Raymond DLGuerrero [Jaenna, Probio, Jezarae]; Barney S. Cabrera & Ilayza Matagolai [Iyannah, Marley, Ignacio, Tehani] & Dewayne Jr. S. Cabrera

Joseph DLC. and Rhodoha H. Cabrera

Irene C. and Rudolfo M. Pua (Sheldeen P. & Thomas I. Yifthege [Elphirene, Michael Rodolfo, Therese, Jojo]; Sharmaine C. Pua, Shaneese C. Pua, Shenille C. Pua, Shizelle C. Pua, Maria C. Pua & Rudolfo Jr. C. Pua

Probio Jr. DLC. and Logina S. Cabrera (Aaron Anthony S. Cabrera & Mercedes Lizama, Andrew Ryan S. Cabrera & Probio III S. Cabrera

Jennifer C. and Rene Marquez (Isaiah C. Marquez, Isaac C. Marquez & Josiah C. Marquez
Raymond Peter DLC. Cabrera

Sisters, Brothers, In-Laws:

Martha C. Santos, Vicenta C. Teregeyo, Manases T. & Violy Delacruz, Dr. Ignacio T. & Vicky Delacruz, Enrique T. & Bernie B. Delacruz, and William A. Nauta

He will also be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each evening at 06:00 p.m. at San Antonio Church followed by Holy Rosary at 06:30 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 07:30 a.m. to Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso services will be at 08:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

Trinidad (Mitch) Delacruz Cabrera, Children & Family

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Ill. researchers build 'vanishing' tech gear

URBANA, Ill. (AP)—Imagine this: There's no need to throw out your old cellphone, because it will self-destruct. That's the idea behind a project at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where researchers are investigating how to build electronics that vanish in water. John Rogers is a professor of Materials Science and Engineering at the university. Rogers says the goal of the "born to die" program is to design transient technology that can dissolve at the end of its useful life, thus saving space in landfills and reducing waste. The research team isn't there yet. But it has designed a chip built on a thin film of silk that dissolves when hit with water.

Officer uses hotdog bits to rescue dog from roof

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—An animal control officer equipped with hotdog bits has managed to rescue a 15-pound dog that somehow found itself stuck on the roof of a Vancouver, Wash., area house. Homeowner Barry Klettke says he was backing out of his driveway Monday morning with his own dog, Bella, in the passenger seat when Bella growled. He tells The Columbian he looked up to see what she saw and there was the dog on his roof. He called 911. Clark County animal control officer Patrick Higbie says he's responded to calls involving birds stuck on roofs but never a dog. The Chihuahua mix was taken to the Humane Society for Southwest Washington.

Science & Technology

Google appears poised to unveil new Nexus tablets

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google appears to be getting ready to introduce the next generation of its Nexus tablets. The unveiling is likely to come at a July 24 event in San Francisco. Google Inc. sent invitations Wednesday to the media. The event will be hosted by Sundar Pichai, a Google executive who oversees the company’s Android and Chrome operating systems. Android, the world’s leading mobile operating system, powers Google’s line-up of Nexus tablets. Those devices have emerged as a popular alternative to Apple Inc.’s iPad since Google released the first Nexus

tablet with a 7-inch display screen last July. It has become customary for top-selling devices to be upgraded at least once a year, fueling speculation that is what Google is about to do with the Nexus next week.

Skype less of a threat than it seems

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I have a tablet computer that uses the Android operating system. I’ve noticed that when applications such as Skype are updated they ask for permission to do things that seem increasingly invasive, which is worrisome. In particular, these apps ask for permission to write data to or delete data from the tablet’s SD (Secure Digital) memory card, to make calls without my permission in ways that can expose my tablet to malicious software and to access my contacts without my knowledge or permission. What exposure to harm do these updates pose, and why would any user agree to these things?—James Hutchison, St. Augustine, Fla.

ANSWER: While malicious software is always a threat, Skype’s lawyers certainly believe in full disclosure. The company warns that the application could allow malware to run up your phone bill, steal your information or erase your data. That doesn’t mean it’s likely.

The truth is, the access Skype wants to your tablet is essential for the application to work as a smart video phone.

For example, Skype can disable the keylock and password security on your phone, but that’s what any smartphone does to answer an incoming call. Skype also has access to your tablet’s SD memory card, but it has to store data somewhere. In addition, Skype has the ability

to call phone numbers, via the Internet, without your intervention, which is the same thing that happens on a smartphone when you click a contact’s name and then phone number.

I’d be more worried about the U.S. government monitoring Skype calls than about Skype monitoring your tablet computer.

Q: I’m having a problem with my wireless PC mouse. When I move the mouse, the pointer on the screen will sometimes resist moving, then, after a delay, will jump to another location on the screen. Any ideas?—Craig Weidenhammer, Reading, Pa.

A: If you’re using any USB 3.0 devices with your computer, the USB port on your PC could be interfering with the signals from your wireless mouse.

Why? A USB 3.0 port on your PC offers several times the data transfer speed of its predecessor USB 2.0. It does so by using a wider swath of the electromagnetic spectrum than USB 2.0, which means an active USB 3.0 port on your PC can interfere with the radio waves used by your wireless mouse.

Try moving the USB 2.0 receiver for your mouse farther away from any USB 3.0 ports that are in use. Try using a USB extension cable to place the receiver farther from your PC.

If you aren’t using USB 3.0, try changing the battery in the wireless mouse. You can also adjust how fast the mouse pointer on the screen moves; go to “Start,” choose “Control Panel,” select “Mouse” and click the “Pointer Options” tab.

Security experts to test phone anti-theft locks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The top prosecutors in San Francisco and New York say they are bringing in state and federal security experts to test the newest anti-theft features designed to thwart the surge of stolen smartphones. San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon and New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced Thursday the security experts will be in San Francisco to test Apple’s iPhone 5 with its activation lock and Samsung’s Galaxy s4 with Lojack for Android. Gascon says the experts will treat the phones as if they were stolen and try circumventing its anti-theft features to draw their own conclusions on its effectiveness.

Gascon and Schneiderman met in New York City last month with representatives from Apple, Samsung, Google and Microsoft, urging them to create a “kill switch” to render stolen smartphones inoperable. Almost 1 in 3 robberies nationwide involves the theft of a mobile phone, according to the Federal Communications Commission, which is coordinating the formation this fall of a national database system to track cellphones reported stolen. “Together, we are working to ensure that the industry imbed persistent technology that is effective, ubiquitous and free to consumers in every smartphone introduced to the market by next year,” Gascon and Schneiderman said in a statement.

In Celebration of Her New Life

PIA TAIMANAO HOCOG

Lovingly known as “Pi” or “Momma Pia”

July 23, 1949 – July 11, 2013

In her new life, she joins her:
Husband: Dimas Atalig Hocog
Parents: Francisco Manglona and Cecilia Ramos Taimanao
Parents in-law: Tito Songao and Rosario Atalig Hocog
Brothers and Sisters: Joannes R. Taimanao, Merced R. Taimanao, and Gloria R. Taimanao
Brothers and Sisters in-law: Jose Arriola, Matias Pangelinan, Lorenzo A. Hocog, and Vicente S. Atalig.

Memories of Momma Pia will live forever in the hearts of her:
Children and grand children:
Imelda H. and Jeremy Atalig (DJ Atalig & Decia Apatang [Demaiya Rose], Jeremy II & Damian)
Derek T. and Rose T. Ada-Hocog (Luis, Tamleen, DJay, Loria, Dante, Trey, & Tito III)
Tito II and Ivy T. Hocog (Autumn & Titus)
Ben H. Atalig and Vanna San Nicolas (Brynn & Ben Jr)
TJ H. Atalig
Rebecca T. and David Cuevas

Reared Children:
John King/Lorna and Family
Mark Hocog/Martha and family
Gerry Hocog/Tiffany & family
Annalyn Hocog Angoco/John & family
Risa Hocog/Dan & family
Sheena Mesngon/Brad & family
Selma Mesngon/Benjamin & family
Yvonne Sablan/Raynard & family
Sandra Masga & Family
Jenny Naputi and Family
Darrel Sablan & family
Gene Brian Hocog
Ray Hocog
Mariel Hocog

Brothers and Sisters in-law:
Carmen Taimanao (†Joannes), Luisa Arriola (†Jose & †Matias), Virginia and Jesus De Jesus, Francisco and Joy Taimanao, Abraham and Rosie Taimanao, Joyce Hocog (†Lorenzo); Eusebio and Rosie Hocog; Salomae H. and Vincent Calvo; Tita A. Hocog; and Carmen H. Atalig (†Vicente)

Her memory will also live forever in the hearts of her Godchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends.

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00am at the San Francisco De Borja Church in Songsong Village and 7:00pm at the San Isidro Church in Sinapalo, Rota.

On Saturday, July 20, 2013, her remains will be brought to the San Francisco De Borja Church at 5:30am. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 6:00am followed by Interment Services at the San Jose Cemetery, Songsong Village.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu’us Ma’ase – Thank You

Ginen I Familia

Science Matters

Exoplanet discoveries exploding

In the 1990s, simply finding an “exoplanet” – a planet outside the Solar System – was an historic feat. Today, detailed exoplanet studies are racing forward.

Milestones	Total found
1992 First confirmed exoplanet discovery	2
1995 First exoplanet found circling a typical “main sequence” star	6
1999 Exoplanet seen crossing in front of a star	31
2001 Exoplanet’s atmosphere analyzed	62
2002 Jupiter-like exoplanet discovered	96
2005 Light detected coming from exoplanet	181
2007 Exoplanet’s temperature mapped; water found on exoplanet	271
2008 First photo of an exoplanet; organic molecules observed on an exoplanet	332
2009 Kepler satellite begins search for Earth-like exoplanets	374
2012 Planet found orbiting Alpha Centauri, nearest star to the sun	Currently 900+

Milky Way galaxy
Artist’s illustration

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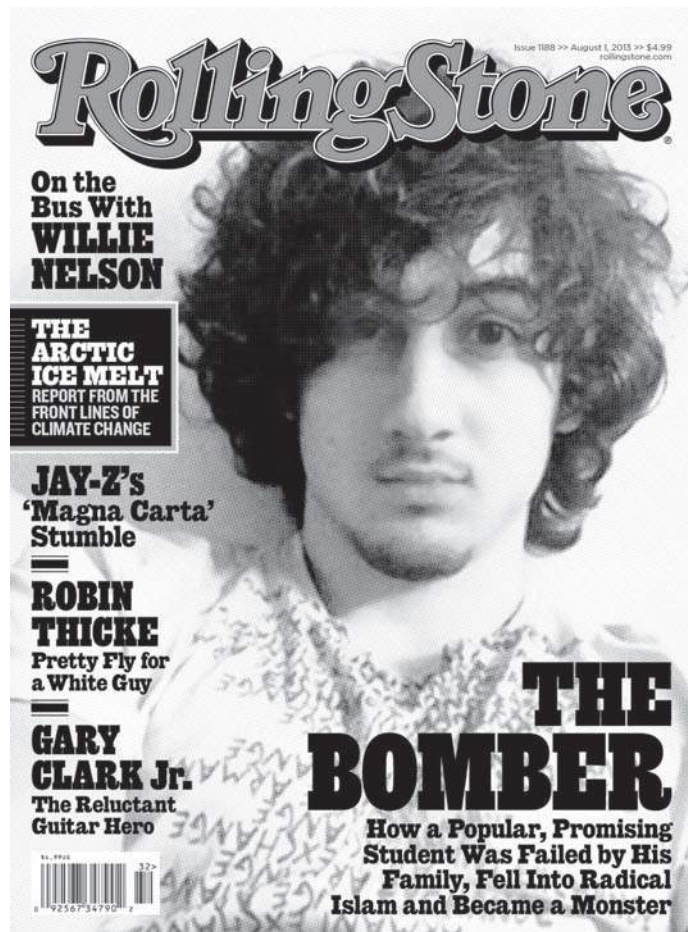
Most of the exoplanets discovered lie within 300 light years of Earth

Illustrated scene on a planet orbiting Gliese 667C, part of a triple-star system with three Earth-like planets

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Life & Style

Bomber as rock star? Rolling Stone cover outrage



AP
In this magazine cover image released by Wenner Media, Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev appears on the cover of the Aug. 1, 2013 issue of "Rolling Stone."

NEW YORK (AP)—Sultry eyes burn into the camera lens from behind tousled curls. A scruff of sexy beard and loose T-shirt are bathed in soft, yellow light.

The close-up of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev on the cover of Rolling Stone to hit shelves Friday looks more like a young Bob Dylan or Jim Morrison than the 19-year-old who pleaded not guilty a little more than a week ago in the Boston Marathon bombing, his arm in a cast and his face swollen in court.

Has the magazine, with its roundly condemned cover, offered the world its first rock star of an alleged Islamic terrorist?

The same image of Tsarnaev was widely circulated and used by newspapers and magazines before, but in this context it took on new criticism and accusations that Rolling Stone turned the bombing defendant into something more appealing.

"I can't think of another instance in which one has glamorized the image of an alleged terrorist. This is the image of a rock star. This is the image of someone who is admired, of someone who has a fan base, of someone we are critiquing as art," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, a communications professor and the director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

Public outrage was swift, in-

cluding hard words from the Boston mayor, bombing survivors and the governor of Massachusetts. At least five retailers with strong New England ties—CVS, Tedeschi Food Stores and the grocery chain the Roche Bros.—said they would not sell the issue that features an in-depth look into how a charming, well-liked teen took a dark turn toward radical Islam. Stop & Shop and Walgreens followed suit.

Tsarnaev is not referred to as Tsarnaev in the article. The magazine uses his playful diminutive instead in a headline: "Jahar's World." With cover teasers for other stories on Willie Nelson, Jay-Z and Robin Thicke, it declares for the Tsarnaev story: "The Bomber. How a Popular, Promising Student Was Failed by His Family, Fell Into Radical Islam and Became a Monster."

Rolling Stone did not address whether the photo was edited or filtered in any way in a brief statement offering condolences to bombing survivors and the loved ones of the dead.

"The fact that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is young, and in the same age group as many of our readers, makes it all the more important for us to examine the complexities of this issue and gain a more complete understanding of how a tragedy like this happens," the statement said.

That's little consolation for James "Bim" Costello, 30, of Malden, Mass., who needed pig skin grafts on most of his right arm and right leg after the bombing. His body was pebbled

with shrapnel, including nails he pulled out of his stomach himself. Three of his close friends lost legs that day and others suffered serious burns and shrapnel injuries.

"I think whoever wrote the article should have their legs blown off by someone," struggle through treatment "and then see who they would choose to put on the cover."

The accompanying story, he said, "just seems like a cry for attention" from Rolling Stone.

Lauren Gabler had finished her fourth Boston Marathon

and was two blocks from the finish line explosions that April day. At first she thought the Rolling Stone photo, released on the magazine's website and Facebook page, was of a model or a rock star.

"All of a sudden you realize that's the Boston bomber," said Gabler, who lives in the Washington, D.C., area. "The cover almost tricks you into what you're looking at. I haven't read the article yet, and I know it will probably be quite in-depth, but my initial reaction is that the photo that's being used almost makes

him look like a good guy."

Rolling Stone said the cover story was part of its "long-standing commitment to serious and thoughtful coverage of the most important political and cultural issues of our day." And the magazine has had plenty of covers featuring people outside the realm of entertainment, from President Obama to Charles Manson.

Putting criminals and alleged criminals on the covers of major magazines is justified if they are major news figures, said Samir Husni, a journalism professor

who heads the Magazine Innovation Center at the University of Mississippi. It's digitally manipulating a photo that never is, said Husni, reached by phone on vacation in his native Lebanon.

"They'll probably regret it later," he said of Rolling Stone's handling of its cover. "Even if it wasn't doctored it's going to bring those negative reactions."

Hundreds of Facebook and Twitter commenters condemned the magazine. Many cursed. Others expressed sadness and still more vowed never to read or purchase the magazine again.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We, the Family of the late

† Anthony Pellegrino
"TONY"

Wish to express our wholehearted appreciation and gratitude to all our dear friends, relatives and employees who unselfishly shared their sympathy and support as we mourn the untimely passing of our beloved father, loving husband, wonderful boss and amazing friend.

Your thoughtful prayers, comfort and compassion have helped us ease our most painful time of sorrow. We sincerely cherished your untiring presence during the nightly Rosaries, Masses and at the final moment with our beloved Anthony. Your kindness and generosity will always be remembered

Our family personally thank you for your generosity for your contribution to Northern Marianas Trade Institute in honor of Anthony (the founder)

We want to extend our special thanks to Kristo Rai Parish, Fr. Celso, the Clergy, the Choir, CHC Doctors & Staff, Mr. & Mrs. Vic Cepeda, Auntie Maggie, Frank Cabrera, Herman's Bakery, to all our business associates and friends who sent beautiful flowers and gifts. To all who have helped us in one way or another. To all our nearest and afar family. Thank you very much.

GOD BLESS US ALL

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

*Milagros P. Pellegrino, Children & Family
Margaret "Miki" Pellegrino, Neil Charles Pellegrino, Abel O. Pellegrino,
Julian O. Pellegrino & Prunella O. Pellegrino
Carmen K. Olopai & Family*

Officials seeking stolen art find paint in ashes

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)—It may be a case of art to ashes—and scientists are trying to get to the bottom of the mystery.

A Romanian museum official said Wednesday that ash from the oven of a woman whose son is charged with stealing seven multimillion-dollar paintings—including a Matisse, a Picasso and a Monet—contains paint, canvas and nails.

The finding is evidence that Olga Dogaru may have been telling the truth when she claimed to have burned the paintings, which were taken from a Dutch museum last year in a daring daylight heist.

Ernest Oberlander-Tarnoveanu, director of Romania's National History Museum, told The Associated Press that museum forensic specialists had found "small fragments of painting primer, the remains of canvas, the remains of paint" and copper and steel nails, some of which predated the 20th century.

"We discovered a series of substances which are specific to paintings and pictures," he said, including lead, zinc and azurite.

He refused to say definitively that the ashes were those of seven paintings stolen from Rotterdam's Kunsthal gallery last year, because he said it was not his position to do so. He said justice officials would make that decision.

He did venture, however, that if the remains were those of the paintings, it was "a crime against humanity to destroy universal art."

"I can't believe in 2013 that we come across such acts," he said.

Oberlander-Tarnoveanu said forensic specialists at the museum have been analyzing ashes from Dogaru's stove since



This is an unfaded photo released by the police in Rotterdam, Netherlands, on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, shows the 1919 painting 'Reading Girl in White and Yellow' by Henri Matisse.

March, and will hand their results to prosecutors next week.

The seven paintings were stolen last October in the biggest art heist to hit the Netherlands for more than a decade. Thieves broke in through a rear emergency exit of the gallery, grabbed the paintings off the wall and fled, all within two minutes.

The stolen works have an estimated value of tens of millions of dollars if they were sold at auction. Thieves took Pablo Picasso's 1971 "Harlequin Head"; Claude Monet's 1901 "Waterloo Bridge, London" and "Charing Cross Bridge, London"; Henri Matisse's 1919 "Reading Girl in White

and Yellow"; Paul Gauguin's 1898 "Girl in Front of Open Window"; Meyer de Haan's "Self-Portrait" of around 1890; and Lucian Freud's 2002 work "Woman with Eyes Closed."

Three Romanian suspects were arrested in January, but the paintings have not been found.

Romanian prosecutors say Olga Dogaru—whose son is the alleged heist ringleader—claims she buried the art in an abandoned house and then in a cemetery in the village of Caraculiu. She said she later dug the paintings up and burned them in February after police began searching the village for the stolen works.

Prosecutors have not said whether they believe her ac-

count, but Pavel Susara, a Romanian art critic, said the story has the ring of truth.

"Olga Dogaru describes how she made the fire, put wood on it and burned the paintings, like she was burning a pair of slippers," he said. "She's either a repressed writer or she is describing exactly what she did."

And now the museum staff have found exactly what forensic experts say they were seeking—materials such as canvas, wood, staples, and paints that indicate the ashes were the remains of artworks.

The next step would be to compare them to what is known about the missing paintings, which given their quality and status would be well-documented in photographs and condition reports.

"If one finds general similarities between the stolen works and the burned (remains), then one could test the elemental—and possibly chemical—composition of the burned 'works' to determine if they could be consistent with the stolen works," said James Martin of Orion Analytical, LLC, who has taught forensic paint analysis at the FBI Academy Counterterrorism and Forensic Science Research Unit.

Art market experts said the Rotterdam thieves may have discovered what many art thieves have before them—that easily identifiable paintings by famous artists are extremely difficult to sell at anything like their auction value.

"Criminals who are successful in their usual endeavors are often undone by a foray into art theft," said Robert Korzinek, a fine art underwriter at insurer Hiscox. "They steal these works of art ... and then they have the problem that they can't dispose of them."

Love for kids keeps man in loveless relationship

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have been living with my girlfriend, "Robin," for four years. She has children from a previous marriage, and their father is fairly active in their lives. I jumped in and have taken the kids to activities, helped with homework and I pay the majority of the bills. I dearly love the children.

My problem is I no longer love their mother. Robin and I are like roommates who share a bed. There is no passion, no joy together and no partnership. I spend my time with the kids or alone. She's with them at different activities or busy on her computer. When I suggest ways we could bond together, she says, "I'm too tired," or "I don't want to do that," or "This is the way it is!"

I have stayed this long only for the kids, but I'm unhappy to the point of aching. I feel guilty about leaving and the strain it will put on the kids. Is there a way to leave a situation like this? Am I a bad man for wanting out and possibly leaving the children to a tougher life?

UNHAPPY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR UNHAPPY: Because the woman you're living with shows no interest in improving the quality of the relationship, wanting to leave does not make you a bad person. You will have to accept that because the children depend upon you for certain things they will be affected by your departure. It's too bad you didn't consider that before moving in with someone who had a family.

Try to make the breakup as civil as possible. Before you go, talk to each of the children individually. Make it clear that they are not the reason the relationship is ending and that you will always care about them. That way, they won't think they did something bad and blame themselves.

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DEAR ABBY: My only daughter, "Claire," who is 25, has always had a strong work ethic. Her boyfriend "Charles" has never held a job, either during college or in the year and a half he has been out of school. They were living with his parents until Claire accepted a one-year job overseas. Charles followed.

Claire's salary isn't great, so I know she has little money saved, but she wants to start planning her wedding when they return. Should I stick with tradition and pay for it or listen to my head, which is telling me I don't want to see her marry Charles until he has held a full-time job for at least a year? I think she can do better, but I suppose she could also do worse. They do seem to love each other.

HESITANT MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: Listen to your head. When Claire returns, let her know that she and her fiancé will be paying for the wedding. It will be an introduction to the financial realities she and her husband will encounter after their marriage. Later on, when they're considering buying a home, you can give them the money that might have been spent on the wedding as part of their down payment—if they are still together.

■■■

DEAR ABBY: How do I break up with friends who I love but have nothing in common with anymore? I'm married with a child, but as a new business owner, I don't have time to meet their needs. How do you tell people in a loving way that you have appreciated their friendship in the past, but it's over? We have grown apart.

DON'T HAVE THE TIME

DEAR DON'T: Is it possible that your feelings are temporary, and that you are simply overwhelmed by the demands of your new business? If so, I'd hate to see you end friendships with people you love. Relationships don't always remain at the same level or have the same intensity. Rather than cut the people off entirely, explain that you can't be as available because you have a new business and don't have the time. It would be kinder.

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Timberlake, Macklemore lead with 6 MTV VMA nods

NEW YORK (AP)—The man in the suit and tie and the duo who buys clothes at thrift shops are the leaders at this year's MTV Video Music Awards. MTV announced Wednesday that Justin Timberlake and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis have six nominations each. Bruno Mars has four nominations. Timberlake's "Mirrors," Macklemore & Ryan Lewis' "Thrift Shop" and Mars' "Locked Out of Heaven" will battle Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines" and Taylor Swift's "I Knew You Were Trouble" for video of the year. Timberlake's "Mirrors" and "Suit & Tie" are up for best male video, pop video and collaboration, among others. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis' nominations include hip-hop video and collaboration. Thicke, Miley Cyrus, Pink and Thirty Seconds to Mars have three nominations each. The VMAs will air live Aug. 25 from

Brooklyn's Barclays Center.

Bruce Springsteen dedicates song to Trayvon Martin

NEW YORK (AP)—Bruce Springsteen dedicated his protest song "American Skin (41 Shots)" to teenager Trayvon Martin during a concert in Limerick, Ireland. In a video posted online, the 63-year-old singer told the crowd Tuesday: "We'll send this as a letter back home for justice for Trayvon Martin" after noticing a fan's sign that read "American Skin (41 Shots)." George Zimmerman was acquitted Saturday of second-degree murder and manslaughter charges in Martin's death. Zimmerman said he fired his gun in self-defense during a February 2012 confrontation with the 17-year-old in Sanford, Fla. Lyrics in the song include "you can get killed just for living in your American skin." Springsteen wrote the song about the 1999 police shooting death of Guin-

ean immigrant Amadou Diallo.

Comic-Con kicks off in San Diego

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The zombies, superheroes, space aliens, pirates and time travelers taking over the streets of downtown San Diego can only mean one thing: Comic-Con is here. The 44th annual pop-culture extravaganza kicked off Wednesday with preview night, which grants early access to the show floor to attendees with four-day passes. Lines snaked around outside and inside the San Diego Convention Center with guests queuing to collect freebies and have first crack at such limited-edition collectibles as a 2-foot-tall "Transformers" action figure. Some fans began camping out on the grass near the convention center to be among the first in line for Thursday's presentations for TV shows such as "Dexter" and films like "Divergent." Comic-Con continues through Sunday.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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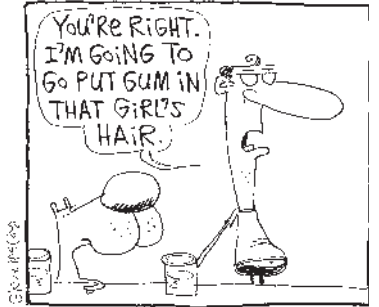
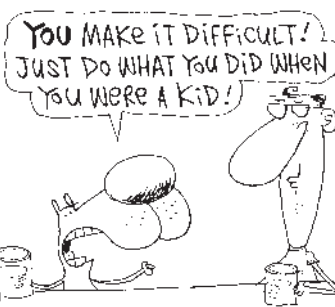
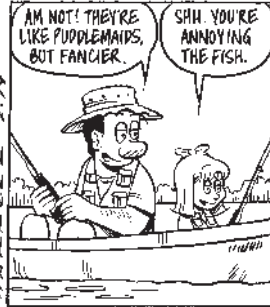


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By Glenn McCoy



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Yesterday's answer 7-19

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jared Padalecki, 31; Anthony Edwards, 51; Campbell Scott, 52; Brian May, 66.

Happy Birthday: Concentrate on following a dream or achieving a life goal you set. This is a year that you can make a difference to those around you or to improve your own life. Socializing and networking will lead to opportunities, and self-improvement projects will boost your confidence and your awareness. Change is good, but consistency will be required. Your numbers are 9, 14, 21, 27, 30, 33, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Settle in and get things accomplished. Mixing business with pleasure will give you an edge when it comes to soliciting someone's support. Love is in the stars, and celebrating your success with someone special will enhance your relationship. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Listen carefully and you will pick up valuable information that can help you use your experiences and skills to help someone in need or to reach out an grab an opportunity that will lead to your advancement. Plan a vacation. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make a difference if you participate in a cause you feel passionate about. Don't let a last-minute change someone makes ruin your plans. Add a nice touch to your residence and enjoy the moment. Romance is in the stars. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Find a creative way to make little changes that will enhance you mentally, physically, emotionally or financially. Discussions and interact-

ing with peers will add to your options and bring you closer to achieving a goal you set. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Initiate change, but first make sure you aren't going to upset someone or something you are responsible for. Include others in your plans or take care of any obligations you have first. A change of heart is apparent. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do your best to help others and to get involved in community or family activities. Don't let an emotional incident stand between you and the people, places and things you want to experience the most. Stubbornness won't lead to personal gains. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let the little things get you down. Allow time to rethink your professional strategy and the best way to improve your reputation or status. A relationship you have with someone will be instrumental in helping you make a decision. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Push for what you want. The stars are aligned, and the opportunity to get your way is apparent. Don't hold back when you have so much to gain. Protect your health and physical wellness, and focus on your mental, creative and intuitive abilities. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Plan to have some fun. Live, love and laugh. Travel plans may take a few twists and turns, but the adventure will lead down an interesting path. A change in the way you move forward personally is apparent and far more satisfying. ★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on relationships. Make sure you aren't taken for granted or treated unfairly in the way you deal with loved ones. Sharing will be what makes your day happy and your relationships with others worthwhile. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen, but don't be too quick to respond. What's going on around you is likely to present some confusing scenarios that need time to play out. Concentrate on making personal changes that will make you feel good, look good and do well. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your insight will be fine-tuned. Let your intuition guide you in matters concerning investments, children, creative endeavors and your home and family. Expect to receive a boost to the way you live and the things you are able to do. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are strong-willed, intelligent and forthright. You are perceptive and understanding.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 7/19

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/18

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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LOCATION(S): Power Generation on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$36,257.00 - \$59,871.00 per annum.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.
POSITION(S): One (1).

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JVA No. 13-042 **Opening Date:** Friday, July 12, 2013
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Engineering Technician

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Chief Engineer or his/her designee. Prepare apparatuses, devices, and equipment for use on projects to include inspecting and testing. Perform routine field duties to include measurements, assisting with staking, collecting field data, checking on actual conditions and orientation of facilities, logging, and engineering and operations support assignments. Perform drafting duties using AutoCAD including producing or revising drawings, gathering and collecting data to be incorporated into drawings, producing or editing graphs and charts, providing design assistance, and interfacing with GIS. Inventory materials and supplies. Research product data and updates and upgrades of equipment and software. Perform other duties of a similar nature or level.

LOCATION(S): Water & Wastewater Divisions, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$13,625.00 - \$25,231.00 per annum.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.
POSITION(S): One (1)

Minimum Requirements: High School diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) or Adult School (AS) diploma through the Adult Basic Education (ABE) program and three years of experience in the water/wastewater industry or related experience. Knowledge of: AutoCAD programs; mathematics; basic surveying and engineering concepts. Skill in: Preparing engineering drawings using CADD; preparing charts and graphs; performing mathematical calculations, collecting field data; solving problems; using computers and Microsoft WORD and EXCEL software applications; communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested AND are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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Junior Engineer

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LOCATION(S): Water & Wastewater Divisions, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$24,000.00 - \$35,000.00 per annum.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.
POSITION(S): Two (2).

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil or Environmental Engineering. Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering is also acceptable if candidate has one year of experience engineering water and/or wastewater systems. Knowledge of: Engineering principles and practices; mathematical, pumping and hydraulics, and wastewater conveyance and treatment concepts. Knowledge of and ability to use AutoCAD is a plus. Knowledge of and skill with GIS is preferred but not required. Skill in: organizing, collecting information and evaluating data; preparing and presenting technical information for reports and/or documentation;; estimating construction costs; conducting studies. Able to: read and understand construction drawings; able to read and interpret specifications; use computers and related software applications; communicate, interact with co-workers, supervisor, and contractors to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested AND are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Adoption of:	FCD AD
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Camacho	No.
Deleon Guerrero	13-0287
A Minor Female Child,	NOTICE
	OF
By: Galvin S.	HEARING
Deleon Guerrero	
Petitioner.	

Notice is hereby given that a verified petition was filed in the above-entitled court for the petition for adoption of Victoria Ann Camacho Deleon Guerrero by Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero, petitioner. The original petition is available for review at the Office of the Clerk of Courts at Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan.

A hearing of the above-entitled matter will be held on August 5, 2013 at 1:30p.m. in Courtroom 205A at the Superior Court, Guma Hustisia, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Requirements: High school diploma. Some college a plus. 2+ years retail experience. 1-2 years of prior working experience in similar fields. Prior supervisory experience. Prior retail experience preferred but not required. Knowledge of standard office equipments. Excellent customer service skills. Flexibility to perform assigned tasks independently or as part of a work team. Sense of urgency and ability to meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. Able to understand and communicate verbal and written instructions. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

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Requirements: High school graduate for equivalent. Prior experience preferred. Knowledge of basic arithmetic. Well-developed keyboarding skills. Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Store Manager (02)

Job Duties: Identifies and prioritizes business needs to strategically schedule self and staff. Manages turnover by hiring, developing, training, and motivating quality staff. Communicates effectively with all contacts. Promotes open communication and assists staff with conflict resolution. Implements and monitors the effectiveness of inventory and cash controls procedures. Responds to customer inquiries and concerns. Ensures that appropriate products are available and effectively merchandised. Ensures that standards for quality, customer service, health, and safety are met. Prepares and submits reports as requested. Maintains the highest level of honesty, integrity, ethical and moral conduct at all times. Conscientiously strives to meet or exceed budgetary goals, understands how to achieve sales increases while maintaining expense controls. Enforces company policies consistently with all associates while providing leadership and maintaining management integrity. Other duties as needed to meet business needs.

Requirements: 5+ years retail experience with at least 3 years experience as store assistant or department manager. Bachelor's degree in appropriate field or equivalent experience. Basic reading, writing, and math skills. Basic keyboarding and personal computer skills. Well-developed written and verbal communication skills. Able to understand and communicate verbal and written instructions. Well-developed ability to make appropriate decisions in stressful situations. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Retail Supervisor (05)

Job Duties: Responsible for assisting the Store Manager with managing the day-to-day operations; following Company policies and procedures; ensuring that sales, and customer service targets are met. Maintains operations for an assigned shift and may function as the shift manager. Align the customer experience to the company vision - 'Exceptional People Delivering Exceptional Product'. Drive sales, clearance, promotions and incentive targets with passion. Focus on ways to increase and continually improve; ensure a high energy, positive floor experience for staff and customers. Effectively communicate the company objectives to Team Leads and Sales Associates. Review sales productivity and individual sales team member's performance on a regular basis. Create and promote a positive work environment in line with Tan Holdings values. Provide effective team leadership through open communication, training, coaching and active encouragement to meet and exceed goals.

Requirements: 2+ years retail experience. Basic reading, writing, and math skills. Basic keyboarding and personal computer skills. Able to understand and communicate verbal and written instructions. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Visual Merchandiser (01)

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Requirements: College degree preferred. Minimum of 2 years experience in visual merchandising and presentation. Specialty retailer preferred. Strong demonstrated visual merchandising/presentation skills-detail oriented and self-motivated to execute to the highest standards. Knowledgeable of current fashion and visual merchandising trends and able to effectively interpret/apply to our brand. Proficient with basic computer programs (Word, Excel, Outlook), digital photography, and basic photo software. Strong interpersonal skills. Able to articulate and explain ideas and concepts. Excellent customer service skills. Strong time management skills. Ability to set and achieve goals in a timely manner. Strong organizational and process planning skills. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

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Third stage win for Froome in Tour de Force



CHORGES, France (AP)—

Even when he expects to lose, Tour de France champion-in-the-making Chris Froome cannot help but win. He's that strong and he's making it look easy.

On a day when the British rider was planning to save some energy for upcoming mountains, Froome still brushed aside the field and took his third stage win of this 100th Tour.

Alberto Contador, Froome's Spanish rival still trying to make a fight of this one-sided battle, gave his all in Wednesday's Alpine time trial. His face contorted in a grimace of effort as he sprinted out of the saddle to the line, while spectators whipped up a thunderclap of noise by banging their fists on the barriers.

Froome, having set off behind Contador, sped in a few moments later. He, too, rode hard but looked more comfortable with his easy-on-the-eye pedaling style, perched on his saddle, legs pumping underneath him like pistons in an ocean liner's engine room.

Contador shook his head and shrugged his shoulders when television flashed that Froome beat his time by 9 seconds. This was another opportunity lost for Contador—4 minutes, 34 seconds back in second place in the overall standings—to make victory for Froome in Paris on Sunday at least feel less inevitable.

"Froome is in impressive shape," was the understated assessment of the 2007 and '09 winner who was stripped of his 2010 victory for a failed doping test.

The last Tour champion—now ex-champion—to carry as many stage wins as Froome to Paris was Lance Armstrong. That was in 2004, when Armstrong won five stages and declared he'd be giving "no gifts" to his rivals. That is all just a bad memory now. This Tour is



Stage winner and overall leader Chris Froome of Britain celebrates on the podium of the seventeenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race an individual time trial over 32 kilometers (20 miles) with start in Embrun and finish in Chorges, France, Wednesday July 17, 2013.

the first since the serial doper's name was erased last year from the race's honor roll, literally crossed out in the official history book.

Froome swears that won't happen with him. He has repeatedly said when asked at this Tour that he is riding clean—an assurance that only has limited value in the poisonous atmosphere of doubt that is a legacy of the Armstrong years and the American's confession to Oprah Winfrey this January that he cheated for all seven of his Tour wins, from 1999-2007.

"The problem today is that we are traumatized by the past," Stephane Heulot, manager of the French Sojasun team, said in an interview. "We've seen too

many stories like this. We've seen too many riders swearing on the heads of their kids, their grandmothers, their mothers that they're completely clean and then—bam!—15 years, 10 years, five years later we're told other things. Someone's word no longer means anything. We can't rely on that."

A union that represents about 600 professional riders from seven European nations supported Froome on Wednesday against what it called "unjustified allegations of doping."

"It's not fair to blame someone without evidence against him," Gianni Bugno, president of the Association of Professional Riders, said in a statement. "We demand more respect for Chris and

for all the riders."

In four days, as long as he gets through the Alps, Froome will be able to sip champagne in the saddle on the final ride to the Champs-Elysees, unusually staged in the evening this year. That would make it two victories in a row for Britain and for Team Sky, after Bradley Wiggins' win last year.

With wins in the Pyrenees and on Mont Ventoux, Froome has shown excellence going uphill. It would be a big surprise if he wilted on the three days of Alpine climbs that start on Thursday with a double ascent to the ski station of L'Alpe d'Huez, with its 21 hairpins bends to the top. Done twice, that's 42 bends packed with

spectators to be negotiated. It promises to be frenzied and spectacular—a dramatic crescendo for what already has been a highlight-rich Tour.

But there are questions about how comfortable Froome is speeding downhill. He has voiced concern about a hairy descent without safety barriers that the pack tackles between the first and second ascents to L'Alpe d'Huez. He appealed to race organizers to cancel the Col de Sarenne descent and make the pack ride just once to L'Alpe d'Huez if it rains Thursday.

"Just in terms of the safety of the riders, I think that has to come first," Froome said.

That eventuality was ruled out by Jean-Francois Pescheux,

the event director.

"This is the Tour de France. Rain hasn't ever stopped the Tour de France. It would have to really be a natural catastrophe that blocked the road or something like that," he told The Associated Press.

"Rain isn't the enemy of the cyclist—it's part of the sport!"

It was certainly part of Wednesday's time trial, but not as much as initially feared. While it did rain on parts of the course, the forecast storms hit only after Stage 17 finished. That was a relief because the route went up two climbs in the mountains above the man-made Serre-Poncon lake. The twisting descents could have been terribly treacherous if wetter.

Froome covered the 20 miles in 51 minutes, 33.66 seconds.

"I went into today thinking: 'OK, I'm going to give this a really good shot, but I'm not going to empty myself,'" Froome said. "I really expected to lose at least 30 seconds to a minute to some of the best riders."

Contador's gutsy ride bumped him up from third to second in the overall standings, although he is more than four minutes back from Froome.

"When you are second, it's easier to get to first place," Contador said hopefully. "But it's true that he is very strong."

Bauke Mollema dropped from second to fourth overall. The Dutch rider went too fast into a right-hand bend, slapped into the barriers and briefly came to a stop.

Some riders chose road bikes for the tough course. Contador opted for a time trial bike with an aerodynamic back wheel. Froome used both—switching from an adapted road bike to a time trial bike for the final descent into the town of Chorges.

"The first bike was more adapted to climbing," Froome said. "The second bike was a little faster."

Cuban ballplayer tells newspaper he is defecting



DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—

Cuban pitcher Misael Siverio told a Spanish-language newspaper he has defected to the United States and is going to try to make it to the major leagues.

Siverio was part of the Cuban national team that traveled to Iowa for an exhibition game against a collegiate all-star team from the U.S. But he apparently left the delegation at some point after it arrived in Des Moines on Tuesday afternoon.

"Leaving behind your country is not easy, but this was a decision that I gave a lot of thought," Siverio told El Nuevo Herald in Miami. "Of course, my dream is to play in the majors, and from now on I will start taking the first steps to make it happen."

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida also welcomed the 24-year-old Siverio to the U.S. in a post on her Twitter account on Wednesday. A message was left by The Associated Press seeking comment from the Cuban-American Republican.

Siverio was not listed when Team USA released an updated roster for Cuba on Wednesday. Team USA CEO Paul Seiler told the AP that, from Cuba's perspective, Siverio is no longer a member of their delegation.

Seiler and Antonio Becali, the head of the Cuban delegation, declined further comment.

The Cubans are in Iowa to play a team of American college stars in the opener of a five-game set spanning three cities. The set starts Thursday night in Des Moines at the home of the Triple-A Iowa Cubs, marking

the first extended series between the two countries in American ballparks since 1996.

Siverio is the latest in a long line of Cuban players who defected to the U.S. Now he hopes to follow in the footsteps of a group of major leaguers who are playing prominent roles for contending teams.

Yoenis Cespedes won the Home Run Derby on Monday night during the All-Star festivities at Citi Field in New York. The 27-year-old outfielder is in his second season with Oakland, which leads the AL West by two games over Texas.

Cincinnati Reds closer Aroldis Chapman pitched a scoreless inning in the National League's 3-0 loss to the American League on Tuesday night. Chapman, one of 18 Cubans on major league rosters at the start

of the season, has 21 saves and a 2.79 ERA in 42 games.

Of course, there's also Yasiel Puig, who is off to a sensational start with the Los Angeles Dodgers. The 22-year-old center fielder is batting .391 with eight homers and 19 RBIs in 38 games.

Siverio's defection overshadows what American and Cuban officials are hoping will be a celebration of a decades-old rivalry brought back to life.

The countries played each other in international friendlies from the late 70s until the mid-90s. Cuba also has played World Baseball Classic games in the U.S. and faced the Baltimore Orioles in Camden Yards in a memorable exhibition in 1999.

The matchup between Cuba's national team and American college players resumed last

year in Havana, with the Cubans taking three of the five games.

The teams will play a pair of games in Omaha on July 19-20 before one game each in Cary and Durham, N.C.

"It was just a great opportunity to re-ignite what both ourselves and the Cuban federation

believed is the two best baseball playing countries going at it," Seiler said at a press conference Wednesday, hours before news broke of Siverio's defection. "We view Cuba as the international benchmark for competition, and we believe they look at us the same way."

A-Rod takes rehab to Triple-A

NEW YORK (AP)—Alex Rodriguez is going to join Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on Friday, likely the final stop in his rehabilitation from left hip surgery before he returns to the New York Yankees as early as Monday.

Rodriguez is 5 for 28 with six strikeouts in his rehab that began July 2 with Class-A Charleston. He hit his first homer on Monday for Double-A Trenton.

A-Rod's 20-day rehab limit ends Sunday and he told a New

York radio station Wednesday he expects to be in the Yankees lineup Monday at Texas.

Yankees general manager told ESPN New York that Rodriguez could be activated Monday or Tuesday, after a day off. If the team decides the third baseman is not ready for major league games he has to go back on the disabled list.

Rodriguez hasn't played for the Yankees since a dreadful postseason. He had surgery in January.

Faldo to take one last walk at Muirfield

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP GOLF WRITER

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP The toughest question for any world-class golfer is to pick his favorite course in the world. It turned out to be easy for Nick Faldo once he set some parameters.

The six-time major champion was filming a promotional spot for Glenmorangie earlier this year when he was asked to name his favorite course and why. Faldo found himself wanting a little bit of everything, from the towering pines of Augusta National to the links courses of the British Open to the coastline of Pebble Beach.

As he tried to figure out how to mix all that together, another element entered the equation—memories.

Muirfield.
“Unsolicited, it clicked,” Faldo said in a recent interview. “Memorability is important, isn’t it? And then I suddenly I thought, ‘Muirfield.’ That green, the 18th hole, I won two Opens, which is pretty darn cool. That probably woke me up and I thought, ‘This is really an important place to me.’”

It means enough that Faldo will play in the British Open next week for the 35th time. The opening round is on the day he turns 56.

He last competed at St. Andrews in 2010, missing the cut with an 81 when he was caught

in the worst of the wind. He did not enter another tournament as a tuneup leading up to Muirfield. He is relying on memories, and as good as they are, they won’t be enough for him to play like he once did.

No matter.
“It will be the last walk at Muirfield,” Faldo said. “If I could just get in the right frame of mind, if I hit the golf ball solid, that’s as good as it gets. If it goes sideways, if I can’t put a score on the card, you’re going to have to accept that.”

Faldo rarely hit it sideways, certainly not at Muirfield.

It was in 1987 when Faldo famously made 18 pars in a gloomy final round and captured the first of his three Open titles when Paul Azinger faltered. Five years later, Faldo was a machine until he made a mess of the final round, losing a four-shot lead in five holes and then recovering with four of the best holes he ever played to beat John Cook, who helped by botching the last two holes.

Muirfield has the greatest collection of champions of any major course in the world. Faldo and James Braid are the only players to win the Open there twice.

The memories are strong. Faldo doesn’t always remember where his shots landed, only how they felt leaving his club, particularly his win in ’92. The 5-iron on the 15th hole is one of



Britain’s Nick Faldo kisses the Open Golf Championship Trophy after his victory at Muirfield, Scotland, in this July 19, 1987 file photo.

the best shots he ever hit. Facing a left-to-right wind, he had to work the ball in the same direction and stay left of the flag to let a ridge do the work. He fed the shot into 3 feet for birdie.

“And then the driver and 4-iron on the 17th was as good as it gets,” he said. “They had a red telephone box on the corner of the grandstand. I aimed at that and hit a draw, and then a perfect 4-iron 20 feet left of

the flag.”

His two wins at Muirfield could not have been any more different.

Faldo can relate to Tiger Woods in one aspect—criticism and scrutiny of the swing, especially when the swing is going through a major overhaul. Faldo had already played on four Ryder Cup teams and won the Order of Merit when he rebuilt his swing under Da-

vid Leadbetter and went three years without a win.

The press panned him. He recalls seeing other players mimic what he was trying to do with his swing. The worst of it was in the spring of 1987, when he arrived in the Atlanta airport and saw so many players headed east to Augusta National for the Masters. Faldo didn’t qualify. He was going in the other direction, to Hattiesburg, Miss.

“That hurt,” he said. “But I shot four 67s, and that was it.”

Starting with the ’87 Open at Muirfield, Faldo won four out of the next 13 majors, lost a U.S. Open playoff to Curtis Strange and had three other top 4s in the majors.

But for someone regarded as one of England’s greatest golfers, Faldo had a prickly relationship with the press. It started during the rebuilding years, and it didn’t improve even after he had won two Masters and two Opens at Muirfield and St. Andrews. Faldo was aloof, which didn’t help, and he was sensitive when it came to his swing. It was a bad combination.

That led to his infamous victory speech at Muirfield in 1992, when he was a rambling mess with his emotions and his words after a wild final round where he nearly blew a lead that Faldo now says would have scarred him. His voice was unsteady, and he constantly fidgeted with his hair. Toward the end, he sarcastically thanked the TV commentators for telling him “how to practice and what to do and

what not to do.”

“What can I say about the press?” he added with a grin. “I thank them from the bottom of my ... from the heart of my bottom, maybe.”

Faldo said he never watched the entire closing ceremony until a few months ago, when he showed it to his youngest daughter. He had no regrets.

“If you take the whole context, I’m in semi shock, you’re making it up as you go along. There’s a stutter to it,” he said. “It’s not like it was a premeditated idea. I actually say, ‘Thank you from the bottom ... well, heart of my bottom.’ It was totally off the cuff.”

“For the ones who I struck a nerve, well then, guess why it struck a nerve?” he said. “I was fed up.”

The relationship he has with Muirfield is grounded only in respect and appreciation, sprinkled with the memories of two claret jugs.

“I could play that golf course every day,” Faldo said on the video.

The video starts with Faldo trying to name his favorite courses. He talks about Augusta National and Pine Valley, Royal Melbourne and Kingston Heath, Cypress Point and Pebble Beach. The list goes on until the memory kicks in, and the footage shows him making a 4-foot par putt on the 18th at Muirfield to win for the first time.

“That moment there was great,” he said. “That would do. That would be the spot.”

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LeBron James wins 3 trophies at ESPY Awards

By BETH HARRIS
AP SPORTS WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—LeBron James padded his trophy collection, receiving three at the ESPY Awards, including male athlete of the year for helping the Miami Heat win a second straight NBA championship.

James also won in the championship performance and NBA player categories, completing a sweep of the three awards he won last year. He shared in the best team award Wednesday night.

"We went through so much adversity," teammate Ray Allen said. "We did everything we could to fight, scratch and claw to put ourselves in that moment."

James beat out Miguel Cabrera of the Detroit Tigers, Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson and Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps for male athlete honors.

James mentioned his fellow nominees, then told them, "This is for all four of us, man, but I'm just keeping it at my house."

Serena Williams won two awards, including female athlete of the year. She defeated a pair of Olympians, gymnast Gabby Douglas and swimmer Missy Franklin, and former Baylor basketball star Brittney Griner. Williams didn't attend because she's playing a tournament in Sweden.



From left, Miami heat coach Erik Spoelstra and players Dwyane Wade, Ray Allen and LeBron James accept the award for best game at the ESPY Awards on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at Nokia Theater in Los Angeles.

Peterson and Phelps also won two awards each.

Jon Hamm, the star of AMC's "Mad Men" and a noted St. Louis Cardinals fan, hosted the 21st annual show from the Nokia Theatre.

He joked it was "the world's largest gathering of people wearing sunglasses indoors" as the cameras caught James and NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick behind shades.

Hamm got in some digs about former Los Angeles Lakers center Dwight Howard.

"We thought it would be nice to honor Dwight Howard with his greatest moments with the Lakers," Hamm said as no film clips appeared on the screen behind him while the crowd laughed.

Hamm noted the talk about possible suspensions resulting from baseball's latest drug investigation has included Alex Rodriguez.

"That's OK, Yankee fans are used to him not showing up for the second half of the season," he joked.

Quarterback Johnny Manziel

of Texas A&M won male college athlete honors after flying in earlier from Hoover, Ala., where he attended SEC media day. Griner, who now plays for the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury, won female college athlete.

Peterson won trophies for NFL player and best comeback, while Cabrera won as best MLB player.

Williams won female tennis player, giving her eight career ESPYs.

Phelps also claimed best male Olympian, while teenage swimming sensation Missy Franklin

won best female Olympian.

Kaepernick of the San Francisco 49ers won as breakthrough athlete. Rick Pitino won as coach-manager for guiding the Louisville Cardinals to a national basketball championship.

The best game was Game 6 of the NBA finals between the Heat and San Antonio Spurs.

The award for best upset went to Florida Gulf Coast's men's basketball team, a No. 15 seed that upset No. 2 seed Georgetown in the NCAA tournament.

The best moment award singled out 7-year-old Jack Hoffman's 69-yard touchdown run at Nebraska's spring game in April, which was replayed on national TV and viewed more than 2 million times on YouTube. The boy from Atkinson,

Neb., has brain cancer.

As his father spoke, Jack held the big trophy that blocked part of his face.

Sidney Crosby won NHL player, while Thierry Henry of the New York Red Bulls won MLS player.

South Carolina football player Jadeveon Clowney won best play for his hit on Michigan's Vincent Smith in which he knocked the runner on his back with a helmet-topping smack, then reached out with one hand to snare the ball.

Helping out Hamm with comedy bits were Jack McBrayer of "30 Rock" as a befuddled NFL replacement referee and Jay Pharoah of "Saturday Night Live" as Jay-Z explaining how in his new gig as a sports agent he only represents winners.

SBA July roll-offs start Sunday



The Saipan Bowling Association's Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes Tournament will be held on July 21 and 22 at the Saipan Bowling Center in San Jose.

Games in the Sunday roll-off will start at 3:30pm, while Monday's matches will begin at 6pm. Bowlers must pay the \$15 annual membership fee to gain entry to the tournament besides the \$15 entry fee. Only the first 50 bowlers to register

will be allowed to compete and the women's division will only have cash prizes if at least 10 players are joining.

Meanwhile, the Fiji Water Prince/Princess of the Lanes roll-off if set for Sunday only. Entry fee is \$10 and U18 players must also pay the \$10 membership fee to compete.

For early registration and payment, please see or contact Gigi or Ross Zapanta at 288 5627 or email at zapanta@pti-com.com. (Saipan Tribune)

PIC holds Laser Tag tourney tomorrow

This Saturday, beginning at 5:45pm, laser guns will be blasting in San Antonio, as Pacific Islands Club hosts the 4th Annual Laser Tag Tournament.

Registration will start at 5pm in the southern lot of the PIC. Each team must have three players. Two teams will go into an elimination style battle on Laser Tag Park. Each player is allotted with a certain number of "ammunition" and lives during each match. Additionally, every match is given a time limit of three to five minutes. Games will begin with "Capture the flag" style pool play and then finish off in double-elimination battles.

Entry fee is \$10 per person. All participants must wear running shoes. Tournament entry forms and Laser Tag Park



Rules can be found at the PIC Information Desk or at the SEA Office from 9am to 6pm daily. Payments should be turned into the PIC Information Desk. Only the first 16 teams to register will be allowed to compete.

Pacific Islands Club-Saipan and Pacific Trading Co., including Miller Lite, Gatorade, and Pepsi, are on board as tournament sponsors.

For more information, contact Dennis Tababa at PIC at 237-5175 or email at dennis.tababa@picsaipan.com. (Saipan Tribune)

A G4S Security Service member fires at his target during the 2011 edition of the Laser Tag tournament at the Pacific Islands Club.

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and Mariana Resort finished the half with back-to-back treys, as Mangali hit his third basket from beyond the arc. Mangali and Joyner combined for 24 points at halftime to lift Mariana Resort to a 43-30 lead.

PIC faced a double-digit deficit in the first 20 minutes of play, as

it earned most of its points from the foul line and failed to score a single triple. James Abuy finally canned a triple in the third canto, but still PIC played a so-so offense, making only 14 points.

In contrast, Mariana Resort had another 20-plus output, drilling 22. Leo Galarse, who was held to 2 points in the first half, found his mark in the third, scoring 9 points, while Mangali added one more triple to widen the gap, 65-44.

PIC tried to mount a comeback in the fourth quarter, but still fell short, as Galarse and Joyner provided the needed baskets to secure the win for Mariana Resort. Joyner finished with 18 points, just 2 markers shy of Mangali's game-high 20 markers. Galarse contributed 15. Abuy, Bart Demapan, and Nev-in Salem had 14 markers apiece for PIC (1-2), which made only two triples against the eight of

Mariana Resort.

Mariana Resort 80 — Mangali 20, Joyner 18, Galarse 14, Fital 8, Sison 5, Wesley 4, Paraiso 3, Sanciango 2, Saturno 2, Montes 2.

Pacific Islands Club 71 — Abuy 14, Demapan 14, Ne. Salem 14, Barbo 12, Hambrose 8, Duenas 7.

Scoring by quarters: 21-14, 43-30, 65-44, 80-71.

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the club's July Ace of the Month is scheduled for July 27 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort's west course. Show time is at 9am with

a 10am tee off.

For more information, please contact J.J. Atalig at 285-4115, Greg Sablan Jr. at 483-8263, or

email marianasgolf670@gmail.com. The public can also view the organization's Facebook page. (Saipan Tribune)

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driver's seat, 50-41.

Down by 9, Wushin made an early comeback bid in the fourth period and managed to move within three, 54-57, after Maranan's back-to-back baskets, 5:16 left on the clock. Wushin would have sliced the deficit to 1 and put more pressure on Flip Top if not for Fernando's missed layup. The crucial miss started when Fernando stole a cross court pass and sprinted for a fastbreak layup against the foul-troubled Kevin De Leon, who kept pace with the former, but avoided contact. The shot circled the rim and seemed to be going in, but went out. De Leon grabbed the rebound and later pulled up for a long jumper from the top key to start a short 8-0 rally that was enough to bail Flip Top out of trouble, as its lead went up to twin digits, 65-54, going into the final two minutes of the match.

Emerson Feria canned the three baskets in Flip Top's string of 8 points and finished with a team-high 22 points. De Leon chipped in 16, while four other players contributed at least 4 points apiece. Wushin leaned heavily on Fernando and Maranan, who tallied 29 and 22 markers, respectively.

Navy Hill 77, Snipers 66

In the first game, Navy Hill/8 Division barged into the win

column after beating the Snipers.

Christian Devero led Navy Hill's first victory, firing 23 points. He nailed 9 points in the second canto after being held to one field goal in the opening period, turning a 19-27 deficit to a 41-38 advantage.

Devero slowed down a bit in the third, but Dave Camacho picked up the slack and logged 10 points to stretch Navy Hill's advantage to 11, 61-50, with only one quarter to go.

In the fourth quarter, the Snipers never made headway, as they were contented in trading baskets with Navy Hill. The Snipers dropped to a 0-2 record despite getting 24 points from new recruit Jonathan Jones and 21 markers from veteran Melvin Capalad.

First Game

Navy Hill/8 Division 77 — Devero 23, Camacho 13, Mancao 12, Rebuyon 6, Vinas 4, Diaz 3, Buenabajo 2, Jacob 2, Culala 2, Quan 2.

Snipers 66 — Jones 24, Capalad 21, Aguilar 8, Olfindo 4, Cabagat 2, Lagado 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-27, 41-38, 61-50, 77-66.

Second Game

Fong's Flip Top 72 — Feria 22, De Leon 16, Fleming 9, Galulu 8, Toribio 4, Namelo 4, Isip 3, Esteves 2.

Wushin/Kixx 62 — Fernando 29, Maranan 22, Tibayan 6, Patawaran 3, Tengco 2.

Scoring by quarters: 11-15, 30-32, 50-41, 72-62.

CNMI Senior All-Stars thank supporters



The CNMI Senior All-Stars and CNMI officials pose for a group photo before their game in the 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Baseball Tournament early this month at the Clark Freeport Zone in Olongapo City, Philippines. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



The CNMI Senior All Stars returned from a runner-up finish from the 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Baseball Tournament in the Philippines and would like to thank all their supporters.

"On behalf of the Senior

League All Star Team members Frankie Lieto, Jhace Palacios, Darion Jones, Khobby Kaipat, Kainoa Wanket, Mike Muna, J.J. Lifofoi, Ian Rogolifo, A.J. Evangelista, Jerald Cabrera, K.J. Leon Guerrero, Jonathan Cabrera, Cedric Ada, and Verlanson Secharmidal,

the coaches Syl Ada and Jesse Yamagishi, I'd like to share our message of utmost appreciation to the following for their most generous support and for believing in us," team manager Tony Rogolifo said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

"The CNMI Senior League

All-Star Team's participation in the 2013 Asia-Pacific & Middle East Baseball Tournament held in the Philippines from June 30 to July 7 would not have been possible if not for combined efforts from the administration and the Saipan Legislative Delegation, Division of Youth Services, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Bridge Capital LLC, contributions from some small businesses and to those individuals who participated in our fundraising efforts such as Chamber of Commerce/MVA Trash for Cash, lunch

sales, coin and pledge drives. A special thank you goes to all the parents, for their untiring efforts, patience and sacrifices in order to fulfill their children's dreams of competing in this tournament," he said.

The team would also like to thank the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, Department of Public Safety, and IT&E for their donation of T-shirts which team members proudly wore throughout the duration of the tournament.

The Commonwealth sluggers also thanked Ada and Yamagi-

shi for the assistance and support in preparing the team and to the "Team Moms" for their diligence in ensuring that the teams' needs were met on a daily basis.

"Last but not the least, to the players, thank you for exemplifying the desire to excel, for exhibiting outstanding performances and sportsmanship on and off the field, for promoting friendship and camaraderie amongst fellow competitors, for displaying self-discipline while competing, understanding and abiding by the team philosophy, and for demonstrating willingness to face adversities no matter what the outcome dictated. In my book, you played like true champions and rightly so. Your exceptional performances, some I would say extraordinary, is what separated you from the rest of your counterparts," Rogolifo said.

"The championship game against the Philippines was the highlight of the Senior Division tournament and although we fell short in our quest to advance to the World Series, you should all be proud of your accomplishments. No one can say you didn't play your hardest and like the Hong Kong team manager said immediately after our game, you played with a big heart. I am so very proud of you guys and want to wish you the best of luck in your education, and wherever baseball will take you," the team manager added. *(Saipan Tribune)*

UFO caging kicks off Sept. 1



One of the islands' premier basketball leagues has set its opening date for Sept. 1 at a still undetermined venue.

UFO president Annamae Adaza said its 11th Annual UFO Inter-Organization Basketball League will kick off on that date and she is inviting participating teams from previous and ongoing leagues to register and participate in the upcoming competition.

She said the setup of this year's league will be the same as last year's. "We will have open division from 21 years and above, masters division for 40 and above, youth division for 15 and under, and 20-and-under."

Registration fee is \$500 each team for open and masters divisions, while the youth divisions will be assessed \$350.

"We will have a tighter rule on fees this time, payment should be made in full before teams can play their first game. Gone are the days of registration fee leniency, 'no pay no play,' this ruling is fair for all," Adaza stressed.

She said participating teams that need an organizational name can approach league chair Bok Enano for assignments.

"Please make sure that you get the consent of the organization president or representative in order to use their name."

Adaza is also appealing for businesses or individuals who want to sponsor the open and youth divisions.



MDX/Mariana Resort's Melvin Cadiang drives against SIP/Barney's Erick Dela Rosa during their semis game in the U20 division of the 2012 UFO Docomo Pacific Cup at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

She said the master division is already sponsored by MarPac Budweiser. For sponsorship inquiries, call Adaza at 483-5237 or email her at ufo.saipan@gmail.com

The UFO caging will be played indoors but Adaza said they are still negotiating for its

final venue.

For league inquiry and registration, call Enano at 287-9756, league commissioner Ed Manalili 486-4337, UFO secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021, or BANMI coordinator Abner Venus at 785-6122. *(Saipan Tribune)*

Cruz is SGA Ace for June



John "Nani" Cruz was declared the Saipan Golfers Association June Ace of the Month winner after topping a 16-player field last June 15 at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

Cruz came away with a 73 net score to edge Juan L. Babauta who came a stroke shy of the day's high score with his 74 net.

There was a six-way for third place with Frank Castro eventually topping veteran golfers Frank Castro, Jung Eun Teack, John Guerrero, Ed Manibusan, Steve Balakrishna, and Nick Sablan via scorecard tiebreak. All six finished with identical net 76s.

The Top 3 players—Cruz, Babauta, and Castro—were recognized during the club's monthly awards banquet at Pa-



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cific Islands Club Saipan.

Also given accolades were winners of the closest-to-the-pin competition: Babauta in holes No. 3 and 12, former Su-

perior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan in hole No. 7, and Rick Kautz in hole No. 14. Longest drives plums, meanwhile, went to Mariano Fajardo in hole No. 6 and Castro in hole No. 15.

With his win in the June Ace, Cruz now joins Nick Sablan (May), Ray Dela Cruz (April), Steve Balakrishna (March), James Whang (February), and Edward Sablan (January) in the season-ending Ace of Aces tournament.

Meanwhile, SGA announced that its July Ace of the Month Tournament is scheduled this Sunday, July 21, at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course. Show time is at 9am with tee time at 10am. All SGA members are encouraged to confirm their participation via email, texting, or calling one of the SGA officers or the tournament director. *(Saipan Tribune)*

2013 Youth Futsal League Schedule

Saturday, July 20, 2013		
6:00-7:00 PM:	U18 Boys	NMI B Team vs. NMI A Team
7:00-8:00 PM:	U18 Boys	Thunder Cats vs. Asian Kanoa FC
Sunday, July 21, 2013		
2:00-3:00 PM:	U18 Boys	NMI A Team vs. Thunder Cats
3:00-4:00 PM:	U18 Boys	Asian Kanoa FC vs. NMI B Team

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Two in a row for Mariana Resort

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Mariana Resort gained back-to-back wins after outclassing Pacific Islands Club, 80-71, in the curtain raiser of the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Mariana Resort, which made it into the win column last week after topping the Ol'Aces 80-77, prevailed in the battle of two hotels after showing consistency on offense in the first three quarters and connecting more triples. Mariana Resort nailed 20-plus points in the first three periods to offset the 27-point production of PIC in the final canto.

Elgene Mangali jump-started Mariana Resort's offense, firing two triples and getting 10 points in the first period for their 21-14 advantage. Mariana Resort kicked off the first canto with a triple from Marlon Sison and also began the second with a trey, courtesy of Jawn Joyner. Joyner went on to add one more shot from downtown

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Fong's Flip Top has win streak going

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Fong's Flip Top started a winning streak after downing Wushin Express/Kixx Engine Oil, 72-62, in the late night match in the 2013 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Flip Top held Wushin to two field goals in the third quar-

ter and withstood the latter's fourth-quarter rally to notch its second straight win.

Wushin, which fell to a 0-2 slate, played catch up in the second half as it failed to hang on to the 32-30 halftime lead with only Angelo Fernando and Jun Patawaran drilling field goals in the third canto. Wushin scored only 9 in the third quarter and missed at least 10 free throws, allowing Flip Top to take the

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Mariana Resort's Kelvin Fital is fouled by the Ol'Aces' Freddie Litulumar during their game in the Emon Lodge caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Mariana Resort won and also defeated Pacific Islands Club last Tuesday.
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Fong's Flip Top's Kevin De Leon, left, and Toby Fleming, right, double team Wushin/Kixx's Herbert Maranan during the second quarter of their game in the DL Corporation caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.
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Dela Cruz takes MGA June Ace



The Marianas Golf Association held its June Ace of the Month Tournament late last month at the Marianas Country Club with Joey Dela Cruz topping the competition.

Dela Cruz shot a 38 on the front and 39 on the back, giving him a 77 gross score. With a handicap of 11, he ended up with a net 66 for a four-stroke win. Second place went to Sueng Woo Kang, who scored a 39 on the front and

a 36 on the back for a gross 75 and net 70 after deducting his 5 handicap. John Poiroux rounded out the Top 3 after carding a 47 on the front nine and a 41 on the back for a gross score of 88. With a handicap of 18, Poiroux netted



Joey Dela Cruz, third left, joins fellow Marianas Golf Association players for a group photo after the MGA June Ace of the Month Tournament held late last month at the Marianas Country Club.
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70, losing to Kang in the scorecard tiebreak.

Dela Cruz, Kang, and other Championship Flight members teed off from the Championship tee while the rest of the members teed off from the regular men's tee.

In the closest to the pin battle, J.J. Atalig won on hole No. 6, while Poiroux prevailed on holes No. 12 and 16.

Meanwhile, MGA president Carl J. Hocog would like to thank everyone who participated in this month's tournament, Marianas Country Club for their partnership, Bill and Pauline Camacho and family, Mart and Erlinda Naputi and family, the 670 Babes Softball Team, and Ron Benavente for their contributions.

Hocog also announced that
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